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A SHOCK

That Was Felt All Over England This Morning.

The Streets Seemed on Fire, Houses Shook and Chimneys Toppled.

Many People Were Panic Stricken—A College of Medicine Blown Up and Burned—A Summer Theatre Destroyed by Fire—Other Accidents, Casualties, Fires and Deaths.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

London, Eng., Dec. 17.—Almost all of England felt the shock of the most severe earthquake over experienced. It lasted from four to thirty seconds and was accompanied by a rumbling noise. Furniture was thrown about, doors thrown open, and the people in many places were panic stricken.

At Herford, the cathedral was injured and the panic was so great that one woman died of fright. The chimneys fell, and all the pinnacles of St. Nicholas church toppled over. At Bridge North, near Shrewsbury, the streets suddenly seemed to be on fire, and there was a violent report, accompanied by a shaking of the earth. In London the quaking was slight.

A disturbance at 5:30 this morning shook the houses for nearly a minute at Bristol and Clifton.

EXPLOSION AND FIRE

Destroyed the Detroit College of Medicine Early This Morning.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 17.—An explosion and fire destroyed the Detroit College of Medicine early this morning. The janitor and his wife barely escaped with their lives. Incendiarism is suspected. The loss is $25,000; partly insured.

A Summer Theatre Burned.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 17.—The Casino skating rink and summer theater, a magnificent pleasure resort in Schenley park, was entirely destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is $500,000; insurance small. It caught from an explosion of an amonia cylinder in the ice skating plant.

Hermann's Last Trick.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Hermann, the magician, died suddenly of heart disease in his private car this morning. The body was taken to Salamanca. He gave an entertainment last night.

Fifty cents buys a nice pair of velvet slippers for ladies or gents, at Lehman's.

Fancy fire-sets, brass, nickel-plated and plain, at J. C. Hibbs & Co's.

Nichols Bros. have the best line of rattan rockers in the city at the lowest prices. 17-5t.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

Ohio.—Cloudy, and warmer tonight; probably light rain or snow Friday or Friday night.

SOME SERIOUS CHARGES.

Against the Officers of the Federation of Labor—Proceedings of the Convention Today.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 17.—The American Federation of Labor directed the executive council to reorganize the stationary engineers and to organize all wage earners, skilled as well as unskilled laborers. A motion to make a monthly assessment on each male member of fifty cents per month was referred. Ex-Governor Chas. Foster, who was invited to speak on the subject of convict labor, was not able to be present. He sent a letter, which was read.

Delegate Mahone, of the Street Railway Union, caused a sensation by stating that he understood that rumors of a serious nature are being circulated against the general officers and moving the appointment of a committee on investigation. President Gompers called Delegate Phillips to the chair and all the general officers left the hall. To all calls for specifications, no answer was given. It was finally decided that the charges must be presented in writing. This will be done at the afternoon session. It is understood that charges will be preferred by Secretary McGraith, who is said to be fortified with proof of many instances of neglect and pernicious partisan activity in politics.

M'KINLEY AT CHICAGO

Will Be at the Home of Friends for a Few Days.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 17.—President-Elect McKinley ate a hearty breakfast at the Union station this morning with Chas. G. Dawes, Geo. B Frease, Capt. Heistand, Capt. McWilliams and Abner McKinley. His first question on his arrival was concerning the health of Mrs. McKinley. He was asked to spend the holidays here. He said he could stay till the first of the week but must be home to eat Christmas dinner with his mother. Hundreds cheered as he left the train and took a carriage for Capt. McWilliams' home, where he will rest for a few days. He will spend one day with Chas. G. Dawes, in Evanston.

See our beautiful line of handkerchiefs and Xmas novelties at Connolley's store.

Woman's Relief Corps.

Bailey Relief Corps will hold the usual regular business meeting Monday, Dec. 21st, at 2 p. m., in addition to which there will be the annual election of officers. Let every member be present, if possible.

HATTIE C. JOHNSON, Pres't.
L. M. RICKER, Sec'y.

See the line of handsome rocking chairs at Nichols Bros. 17-5t

Toys and games at Reilly's. 16-3t

MACEO ALIVE.

At the Head of His Army Marching Toward Oriente.

What Some Newspaper Reporters Learned—The Polish Alliance Contributes to the Cuban Fund—The Senate to Get Inside Information.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Key West, Dec. 17.—Passengers from Havanna last night report that newspaper reporters went to Punta Brava, where Maceo was reported killed, and saw the insurgent chief; Acasta, who told them that he had accompanied Maceo to the province of Matanzas; that he was suffering from a slight wound, but was now at the head of his army, moving toward Oriente.

Here Is Substantial Sympathy.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 17.—The Polish National Alliance give $500 in aid to Cuba, and propose to raise $2,000 more. Resolutions of sympathy for Cuba and grief for the death of Maceo were adopted.

Will Get the Inside.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Secretary Olney will, tomorrow, give the senate committee on foreign affairs much confidential Cuban information.

ON INAUGURATION DAY

The Committee Can Use Lots of Uncle Sam's Traps.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—The house passed the army appropriation bill.

Resolutions were adopted to permit railroads to lay temporary tracks for use at the inauguration, also for the use of the government reservations by the inaugural committee, and the use of all flags, etc., not in use by the government, for street decorations on inauguration day.

The Market Today.

By Telegraph to THE TIMES.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 17.—Wheat, 77¼; corn, 22¾; oats, 16¾.
Toledo.—Wheat, 94⅛.

Don't forget to call on C. H. Harris, the new jeweler at 412 Chillicothe street, before selecting your holiday presents.

Hustling for Trade.

John Heisel is acting as agent for J. L. Fisher & Co., the new coal dealers. He has charge of the office on Gay street, and is hustling for business. The coal is mined on Fisher's farm in Lawrence county.

Toys of all kinds at Connolley's store—dolls, trumpets, balls, rattles, blocks, games, books, etc.

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TAKE YOUR CHOICE

Mrs. Kirkendall Says It Isn't and Mr. French Says It Is.

Marshal Watkins found Chas. Austin in an alley on Fifth street very much under the influence this morning and gave him a patrol ride to the city prison. Austin will spend the day and night sobering up and will probably pay about $8.80 tomorrow morning.

Mrs. Jeff Kirkendall called at the Times office this afternoon and said that the report that her husband left town with a Mrs. French, Sunday, is false. She says that one day last week he was drinking and may have been with Mrs. French, but he did not leave town. A few minutes after Mrs. Kirkendall left the Times office, Mr. French came in and insisted that the story was all right. Furthermore, Mr. French says that he understands that Kirkendall wants to lick him, and he is willing to meet "Kirky" at any time.

After a Murderer.

A notice was posted at the N. & W. passenger depot this morning offering $1,000 reward for the discovery and arrest of a tramp who killed an Erie brakeman named Nelson Schagel, at Galion, on the night of December 10th. The brakeman tried to put the tramp off the train, when the fellow shot him. The railroad company offers $500 and the authorities of Galion and Crawford county the other $500.

Officers Nominated.

At the last meeting of Harmony Lodge No. 33, K. of P.'s, J. H. Scott, Albert Miller, Carl Bryant and John Dice were nominated for representatives to the State Grand lodge, that meets in Gallipolis next June. Edwin Parker and John W. Evans were nominated for Chancellor Commander, and Albert Miller and Martin Stanfield for Vice-Chancellor. They will be voted on at the next meeting.

Boycott Case Hearing Postponed.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 17.—The hearing of the boycott case of the Toledo, Kansas City & St. Louis Railway. Co. against the Joint Traffic association, which was set for hearing Wednesday, will come before U. S. Circuit Judge Hammond at Toledo January 5, owing to the absence of Judge Ricks, who is ill and in California.

Must Go to School.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—Attorney General Monnett Wednesday afternoon submitted an opinion to School Commissioner Carson to the effect that a child over 14 and under 16 years of age, even though he was able to read and write the English language, came under the provisions of the compulsory education law.

Governor's Daughter Beaten.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—The supreme court Wednesday decided the suit of Effie A. Scott vs. Mrs. Rheinhard in favor of the latter. Effie Scott is the only daughter and heiress of the late Gov. Wm. Allen. She brought suit for property sold. She signed the deed, but claims it was under compulsion.

Sherman Will Not Be in the Cabinet.

CANTON, O., Dec. 17.—It is now known that Senator John Sherman will not be a member of the cabinet. He feels that he can be of more service to Maj. McKinley's administration and to the republican party by remaining in the senate, and he will be a candidate for re-election.

Electric Suburban Service.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Passenger Traffic Manager D. G. Edwards, of the C., H. & D., left for New York Wednesday evening to investigate several motor powers for the proposed new electric suburban service of the C., H. & D. They expect to have the new service in operation by spring.

Killed by a Peculiar Accident.

PONTIAC, Ill., Dec. 17.—Frank Crouch, the young son of a farmer, was instantly killed by a peculiar accident Wednesday. He was sawing wood with a horse power circular saw. The saw burst and a piece split open his head and cut his shoulder so deep as to sever the shoulder blade.

Pension Appropriation Bill Passes the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The pension appropriation bill was taken up in the senate Wednesday and passed without amendment. The net sum appropriated for pensions (exclusive of other expenses) is $140,000,000.

Government Clerk Suicides.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Frank B. Phister, 34 years of age, a clerk in the Indian bureau, and son of the late Congressman Phister, of Kentucky, committed suicide Wednesday morning at his boarding house by shooting himself through the right temple.

The Battleship Texas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17. — Secretary Herbert has issued a very full statement as to the condition and seaworthy qualities of the battleship Texas, in which he states that she is the equal, if not the superior, of any vessel in the navy. In this he is sustained by Charles H. Cramp and naval officers who have been connected with the construction and navigation of the ship.

It is a wringer—we mean that clothes-wringer at J. C. Hibbs & Co's. It is the best in the market. Call and see it.

Re-Elected President.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 17.—John K. Cowen was Wednesday re-elected president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad by the directors of that company. The resignation of Andrew Anderson, secretary of the company since 1888, was tendered owing to ill health, and C. W. Woolford, Mr. Anderson's assistant, was elected to the secretaryship.

Col. Fellows' Successor.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Gov. Morton Wednesday appointed Wm. M. K. Olcott as district attorney of New York county vice Col. R. Fellows, deceased. Mr. Olcott is a republican and will hold office under the appointment until January 1, 1898, when his successor, to be chosen at the general election next fall, will be installed.

Defective Armor Plates.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 17.—The board investigating the stack of battleship steel plates here pronounce half of it defective.

Cleveland Jewelers Fail.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 17.—Brunner Bros., retail jewelers, at 57 Euclid avenue, assigned Wednesday. The assets are estimated at $40,000 and liabilities at $30,000.

THE FRIENDS

Of the Nicaraguan Canal Bill Will Not Let It Slumber.

"Gen." Coxey Appears Before the Banking and Currency Committee

In the Interest of His Non-Interest Bond Bill Scheme—Auxiliary Fish Culture Stations in California, Oregon and Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The friends of the Nicaraguan canal bill do not propose that it shall slumber indefinitely upon the house calendar. A petition addressed to the speaker asking that a day be set aside for its consideration was circulated Wednesday by Mr. Doolittle, of Washington. At 4 o'clock it had received the signatures of more than two hundred republicans and fifty democratic members of the house. Mr. Mahan, of Pennsylvania, who is a member of the sub-committee that drafted the measure, predicts that if it is called up it will have a practically unanimous vote in its favor.

Mr. Mitchell (rep., Ore.) Wednesday introduced a bill appropriating $16,000 for auxiliary fish culture stations in California, Oregon and Washington.

Coxey and His Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—"Gen." J. S. Coxey, of Massillon, O., was a visitor Wednesday at the capitol.

Mr. Coxey, who had with him an attractively printed pamphlet containing an elaborate argument in support of his non-interest bearing bond bill, facsimilies of the treasury notes, which it is proposed to issue under that law, and the full text of the hearing given to him in the Fifty-third congress by a sub-committee, of which Mr. Bryan, of Nebraska, the late democratic candidate for the presidency, was chairman.

When the banking and currency committee finished its session Wednesday morning Coxey entered the room and introduced himself to the chairman, Mr. Walker, of Massachusetts.

Coxey was courteously received and promised that his views as presented would have proper attention.

New Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Lewis Nixon, the Elizabethport, N. J., ship builder, visited the navy department Wednesday to announce his readiness to launch the gunboat Annapolis Wednesday the 23d inst. The Annapolis will be the third of these useful vessels to be floated, her sisters, the Newport and Vicksburg, having been launched at Bath, Me., about two weeks ago. The fourth of this type with single screw and large sail area is the Princeton, which Dialogue, of Camden, hopes to launch next March. The other two gunboats of similar displacement authorized simultaneously by congress are the Wheeling and Marietta, which the Union Iron works, San Francisco, are preparing to launch in January. They have twin screws and no sails. It is expected that all these vessels will be in commission early next summer.

To Reorganize the Musical Service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Mr. Johnson (rep., Cal.) introduced in the house Wednesday a bill for the reorganization and improvement of the musical service of the army, navy, marine corps and the bands of the military and naval academies. The measure increases the pay of musicians, provides for their enlistment for terms of three years and gives the chief bandmaster of all bands the rank of second lieutenant in the army and of junior lieutenant in the navy.

GEN. MACEO

Reported to Be Alive and Marshaling Troops in Matanzas.

A Demand That Weyler Be Recalled and Replaced by Gen. Marin.

Spaniards Whose Relatives Have Been Killed in Battle the Principal Ones to Cry for a New General—Fifteen Thousand Troops for the Philippines.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 17.—Passengers arriving here Wednesday night from Havana report that Antonio Maceo is alive and well, and is in the province of Matanzas.

These passengers say that all of the festivities that were going on in Havana to celebrate his death have been ordered stopped since it has become known that he is alive.

HAVANA, Dec. 17.—Via Key West, Fla., Dec. 17.—Maceo's death is still surrounded in mystery. The body is still undiscovered and no further proofs have been adduced except the official statement which leads the Cubans to think he is still alive. In fact, the residents of Punta Brava, the vicinity in which the engagement occurred, disbelieve the story. Zertucha continues to give contradictory evidence. He now says the knife captured belonged to Gomez' son and not to Maceo. The Cubans consider it significant that the objects captured are not shown, and also the alleged written statements of Gomez's suicide. It is also significant that no Cubans have surrendered since the leader's alleged death, proving either that it will not effect the revolution or that Maceo is not dead. Many rumors are afloat in connection with Maceo's death, and all are confusing.

One story is that a major at Cabezas, Matanzas, telegraphed that Maceo passed near the town with a large force. Another is that Aguierri has written that date of the 10th, but does not mention the fact. Many couriers have been sent to investigate but have not returned. The Cubans disbelieve the story that Maceo was killed by treachery. They say Maceo was not easily trapped and would not accept a flag of truce even from Ahumada.

HAVANA, Dec. 17.—The Diario de la Marina in consequence of having received from its New York correspondent dispatches giving accounts of the excitement caused throughout the United States by the stories of the alleged treacherous manner in which Maceo was done to death prints an energetic protest against the circulation of such reports, which it characterizes as gross falsehoods and insults to Spanish chivalry and honor. In the course of its article the Diario comments in scathing terms upon the action of the American newspaper press in printing "such lies."

MADRID, Dec. 17.—For many days there have been signs of dissatisfaction with Gen. Weyler's conduct of the campaign in Cuba.

A popular demand is being made that the general be recalled, and a new man placed in charge of the island war.

Spaniards whose sons and brothers have been killed in the conflict are the principal ones to cry for a new general in Cuba.

This demand took definite shape Wednesday morning in the issue of El Correo Militar, a journal devoted to army affairs.

It demands that Gen. Weyler be recalled from Cuba and replaced by Gen. Marin, who is now in command in Pinar del Rio. Gen. Macias, now in command of the troops in the Canary islands, succeeding the marquis of Ahumada as second in command.

The marquis is charged by the patriots with having planned the death of Maceo.

The government has decided to send 15,000 soldiers to reinforce the troops now in the Philippine islands. The cabinet council, which was held Tuesday, decided to purchase the English transport steamer Prince of Wales in order to expedite the transportation of troops to Manila, and it was also decided to purchase a complete equipment of new rifles for the troops.

John Bushnell Safe.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 17.—At midnight Dr. Vance, Mr. John Bushnell's physician, says that, barring accident or backset, he now considers Mr. Bushnell practically out of danger.

Labor's Voice Protests.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—The Columbus Trades assembly has adopted a resolution condemning "the brutal and barbarous methods of warfare pursued by the Spanish government."

Great Tumble in Cloakroom!

Last week we advertised bargains in Cloaks that were offered to us at tempting prices, and we bought them. We placed them on sale. The ladies of Portsmouth know that when the Parisian advertises something special they are not deceived, they came to look. Lookers became buyers, the entire purchase was almost sold, only a few garments left which we are selling at the same price. But what of our regular stock, it must be sold too, we are determined not to carry a garment over, and the cut has to come. Therefore we begin early, feeling assured that you will appreciate this reduction, coming as it does when you would like to present your mother, daughter, wife, sister or sweetheart with something useful. Why not avail yourself of the opportunity and present them with a handsome Wrap? This is a genuine mark down. Read these prices, come and see the goods.

Mark Down Sale of Jackets.

If you have seen our $10.00 Jackets you know that they are the best and cheapest in the city. Come and take your choice of Boucle Cloth, Novelty Cloth, Kerseys, Meltons, all very handsome, for $7.50.

$12.50 Jackets, that were sold elsewhere for $15.00 to $16.50, reduced to $9.50.

All $16.50 and $18.00 Jackets reduced to $13.50.

$9.50 Jackets, that were considered extra bargains at that price, reduced to $5.50.

Great Mark Down Sale of Capes.

Boucle Cloth Single Capes, all silk lined, Thibet Fur trimmed around collar and front, 27 inches long, regular price $10.00, reduced to $6.75.

Seal Plush Capes, cut jet trimmed, a $14.00 garment reduced to $8.75.

Children's and Misses' Reefers at prices that you have never seen, never bought and never will buy again, and if you wish to take the opportunity to get one of these bargains, come early as these are moving prices.

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TEN DOLLARS IN GOLD.

The Times Wants An Original Poem for a New Year's Greeting.

The Times last year received several poems in response to a prize offer of TEN DOLLARS in gold to the person furnishing it the best original poem for a New Year's greeting. We repeat the offer again this year. We will give TEN DOLLARS in gold to the person winning the prize. The poems will be received at this office enclosed in a sealed envelope, which also contains another sealed envelope containing the name of the writer. These envelopes will be given to three disinterested persons, who will decide as to the winner.

All manuscript must be in this office by Monday evening, Dec. 21st.

The Times has no love for the Blade, but it knows it has a circulation throughout the county, and is so regarded by the business men of Portsmouth. When a Republican official gives it patronage, no one can, for business reasons, object. An advertisement placed in its columns would get before the people as extensively as in any paper in Scioto county. But when an official, who is a fair business man, places an advertisement of a poor, unfortunate citizen, closed out by the sheriff, in the Tribune, a paper in which no business man would advertise and pay cash, it becomes an outrage. It is nothing more nor less than a case of bribery or blackmail, in which the unfortunate furnishes the boodle.

The uprising throughout the United States in favor of the Cubans is likely to involve the administration. It must either espouse the cause of Cuba or enforce its neutrality laws.

Captain Parker, U. S. A. recruiting officer at Cincinnati, gives the following digest of neutrality laws:

"Any person who, within the territory of the United States, enlists himself in the service of any foreign nation or people as a soldier or seaman, to fight against any nation or people with which the United States is at peace, shall be deemed guilty of high misdemeanor, and shall be fined not more than $1,000 and imprisoned not more than three years.

"If any person shall fit out an expedition for this purpose, he shall be fined $10,000 and imprisoned not more than three years, in addition to which the entire equipment of the expedition shall be confiscated.

"If any person accepts a commission to serve any foreign state or people against any nation with which the United States is at peace, he shall be fined $2,000 and imprisoned three years.

"Any person furnishing guns, ammunition or equipment to be used against any state with which the United States is at peace shall be fined $1,000 and imprisoned not more than one year."

The following, from the New York Journal, on the Cuban question, will meet the approval of a large majority of the American people. The Journal says:

"Doubt still exists whether Antonio Maceo met his death in open battle or through treachery, but with that doubt filling the air, the Spanish Premier Canovas gives public expression to the savage hope that the Spanish soldiers will soon 'finish with the rest of the Cuban ring-leaders, as it appears they have done with Maceo."

"Meanwhile the United States senate splutters with resolutions, most of which are commendable, the faulty ones as a rule erring on the side of over-conservatism. Mr. Call's resolution of yesterday expressed unquestionably the popular sentiment, though it may be doubted whether the investigation it demands is practicable. It declares in substance that the recent killing of Antonio Maceo, a renowned general in the service of the republic of Cuba (if true), while under a flag of truce, and with an assurance of safety from the Spanish captain-general, was a violation of the rules of civilized warfare, an act of base treachery, a murder cowardly and disgraceful, which demands the execration of every government and of all the people of the world, whether civilized or savage; that the government which authorized, permitted or failed to punish the assassins was an outcast from the family of nations and from the pale of civilization and public law, and directed the committee on foreign relations to inquire into the facts and report at an early day."

"There is no particular reason to disbelieve the charge of treachery against the Spanish troops. A general, who, like Weyler, habitually massacres prisoners of war and helplessly wounded men in hospitals is not likely to be squeamish about the rights and immunities of an enemy under a flag of truce. The annals of Spain are not so destitute of cases of treachery and assassination that this most heinous case is in any degree unbelievable.

"Therefore, it is high time for the senators to stop offering resolutions and adopt a few."

Many of our people will remember Rev. Russell H. Conwell, pastor of Grace Baptist temple of Philadelphia, the noted divine who was here last year in the Bigelow lecture course.

Mr. Conwell is the pastor of Rev. George W. Jacoby, who was arrested on Friday for an alleged libel against State Senator Boies Penrose, a candidate to succeed Don Cameron in the senate at Washington. Jacoby had opposed Penrose for alleged immorality, and has been all over the state in the employ of the Business Men's league, which is backing Wanamaker as Penrose's rival to succeed Cameron.

Mr. Conwell referred to this incident before the congregation of about 3,500 last Sunday, and said the courts would see that justice was done to Brother Jacoby. Then, at the close of his sermon, Dr. Conwell gave utterance to the following emphatic language:

"We have forgotten what it is to be an independent man in our state—forgotten what it is to be independent in Pennsylvania. Oh, yes, you men think you are independent. Oh, you citizens of Philadelphia, who think you are men. You are nothing but dogs, led around by a string. A boss—a political boss—has the string, and you are led around by it.

"You think you are independent; you are not independent. Never was a state on God's green earth ruled by bosses as is the state of Pennsylvania now.

"Oh, for independent men. God calls for men; society calls for men; politics calls for men; religion calls for men; the church calls for men—independent men that are bound to the law of God and are ready always to have the independence of local law and local tradition and political party.

"The man who always votes for his party because he belongs to it thinks he is independent, and wonders why life has been such a wretched thing to him and wonders why he has not honor, fame and wealth and the love of God and man. He wonders. It is no wonder. He is simply led around.

"Whatever the boss says he does; and at the word he bows at the feet of some politial organization. We need independent men. We need rebellion. We need the vigorous manhood of American life to spring forth and say: 'I will not be led, I will lead.' It is leaders we want, not followers, now in this country.

"Today for every cause of temperance, for every cause of womanhood, for every cause of the working people, for the cause of future liberty we need leaders—leaders, not followers, not dogs that tag at the heels of other people."

It would create quite a sensation if some minister would deliver such burning truths to the boss-ridden citizens of Portsmouth and Scioto county.

It may as well be admitted that none of the alleged legislative bribers recently indicted and tried in the courts of Franklin county will ever be convicted and sent to prison for his conduct. Out of six indictments already tried there have been but two convictions, while four acquittals have been returned by juries. Both convictions have been set aside by the circuit court, and the defendants are now all in a fair way to ask for the suffrages of the people on the ground of martyrdom. Franklin county has incurred great expense in attempting to impress a sense of duty on the people of the surrounding countries to send men to the legislature of higher character and better qualification than at present.

The criminal laws of Ohio are very merciful to criminals on trial. It is none but very bold and careless offenders who are likely to be caught and convicted. Bribery is not usually practiced in the presence of witnesses and the eivdence to show absolute guilt is generally hard to obtain. Those who commit bribery will resort to perjury to shield themselves from conviction. The accusing witness and the prisoner charged with the offense are, as a rule, the only witnesses to the facts charged. The prisoner is sure to deny every statement made by the prosecuting witness. The circumstantial evidence surrounding the case is frequently of the most suspicious character, but the reluctance of jury to convict a politician of prominence in the state is sure to serve as an excuse for a disagreement or an acquittal. Besides, it must be admitted, that the motives and opportunities to appeal to the partisan sentiments of the jury are strong and generally successful. Sometimes these appeals are made to the jury in the box, and, no doubt, often to members of the jury on the street and at their homes. The secret political influence at work to save genial politicians in such cases from conviction are very numerous and well organized. The people of Ohio, however, have now been made familiar with life at the capital, during the session of the legislature, and the methods of the members to earn an honest dollar to eke out their meagre salaries, and to raise enough to keep alive the social game of poker. No doubt these prosecutions are at an end, but they have frightened the class of men too often sent to the legislature, and warned the people of the state as to their likes while here. If all this has served the purpose of retiring to the rear this reckless and adventurous class of politicians, the trials and expense will not have been in vain. No entirely innocent or blameless man has been indicted. If each of them were not guilty of the specific offenses charged against him, each was at least guilty of conduct of the most suspicious character. For years a legislative combine has been formed at the annual or biennial sessions, both to propose legislation of a plundering character and to hold up bills for booty. That these business arrangements have been seriously interfered with in the future by these indictments and exposures there is every reason to believe.—Columbus Press.

The above, from the Press, is as applicable to the bribers that are being prosecuted in this county. There is scarcely any hope of convicting, because the men who are called upon to prosecute them are beneficiaries of the result of the boodling by these men, yet, it will be a warning to these gentlemen that they will be held responsible to public opinion, as expressed at the ballot-box.

The Newest Skirts.

Skirts are now undoubtedly permanently narrower than they have been for two years. Except on the most diaphanous material they are rarely more than four and a half or five yards wide, more often four and a half than five. They are still very close fitting around the top at front and sides, and, whatever the size, the one thing that they must have to be at all modish is a decided flare from waist to hem. They do not, however, depend any longer on stiff linings to make them stand out, but are allowed to hang according to the fabric of which they are made, assisted only by a slight stiffening about six or eight inches deep around the bottom. Good linings are for this reason more used than ever, and many a skirt that would otherwise be very desirable is spoiled by using thin cambric, or some other inferior goods, for lining. Silk is of course the ideal lining, since it has body enough to hold a skirt very firmly in shape and does not sag; but it is expensive and not always the most durable, so that it is often wiser to buy a good quality of percaline, which, after all, is not much inferior to silk. There are any number of models for the new skirts; but the seven-gored one seems to be the most generally used, and with the reduced width it is easy to make the skirt fit perfectly with that number of gores. Many of the newest skirts are trimmed around the bottom, sometimes with rows of braid or passamenterie or jet, and sometimes with a narrow ruffle which helps to give the desired flaring effect. Some suggestions of over-skirts have appeared, but they have not attained any popularity in America, though a good many French dresses have come over with the double skirt, and are worn.—From "Review of Fashions," in Demorest's Magazine for January.

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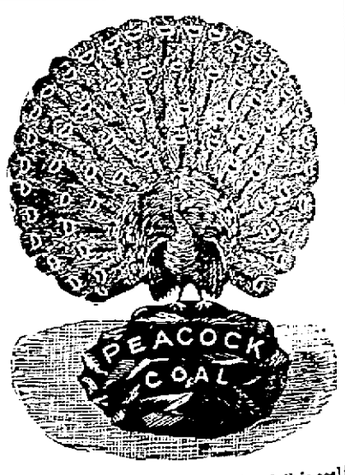

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GETTIN' GOOD

Council Only in Session Half an Hour Last Night.

While Not a Single Cross Word Marred the Serenity of the Honorable Gentlemen—Even Brother Coggswell Could Not Provoke a Flow of Oratory—What Was Done.

The city council held a very short session last night, all the business being transacted in less than three-quarters of an hour. Contrary to the general expectation, the Coggswell monument moving scene did not receive more than mere passing attention.

Those Present.

Messrs. Neill, Labold, Berthold, Gims, Bratt, Lynn, Selby, Osborne, Merrill, Huber and President Turley were on hand when Clerk Adams called the roll. Messrs. Connolley and Winter came in later.

An Irregular Assessment.

Mr. Neill had a petition from John T. Miller, agent for the property at the corner of Second and Market streets, protesting against assessment made against the property. He claimed irregularities in the assessment and asked that it be adjusted. This is the Ahrend property. Referred to the city solicitor to report at the next meeting.

Pension Board Rules.

The city clerk read a communication from the pension board, giving a lot of rules that should govern that board in all its deliberations. The city solicitor was instructed to bring in an ordinance embodying the recommendations. Under these rules all firemen must pass a rigid physical examination and must be over 5 feet 6 inches in height.

That Cinder Walk.

Mr. Gims presented a request from the board of education, asking that a cinder walk be constructed on the west side of Union street from Gallia street to the school house. The street committee was authorized to receive bids for the work and award the contract to the lowest bidder. The work must be satisfactory to the engineer.

Bills Payable.

A schedule, amounting to $315.93, was read and allowed.

Want Spendin' Money.

Mr. Winter explained that the garbage contractors were paid monthly, but that they wanted some spending money for Christmas, and he moved that they be paid semi monthly for this month only. This carried.

Mr. Woodrow Reports.

Solicitor Woodrow said that there was a discrepancy in the line of Snyder alley and that the engineer was looking into the matter.

In regard to the fixing of sidewalks on both sides of Fifth street, from Offnere street to Campbell avenue, the solicitor reported that the city had not acquired a title to some property on the street. He recommdened that this be done before any steps be taken towards grading.

Concerning the $2,500 to be paid the city by the water works trustees and their bondsmen, in the Overturf compromise, the solicitor said that the money had been paid to the city clerk, Mr. Adams, but not within the ten days to which they were limited. There were also some irregularities about depositing the money, due to a mistake of the finance committee. It was optional with the council whether they would carry out the contract or not, the other parties having failed to live up to it.

As to Pine Alley.

The street commissioner was instructed to fix Pine alley at a cost not to exceed $12.

Matters Financial.

Mr. Labold presented a resolution to issue a note to William Crenshaw for $63.50 for six months, at six per cent. same being balance due for plastering at Seventh street engine house. The resolution passed.

A resolution to pay a $585 note to Mrs. E. M. Lodwick and $35.10 interest, note being due Dec. 20th, was passed.

As to Brer. Coggswell.

When the committee on police were called, Mr. Connolley submitted a report on the Coggswell monument. He said the committee had run into a hornet's nest when it tackled the question. Merchants generally objected to the removal of the monument unless a city building was erected in its place. They thought the city had not treated the merchants right in not having ice placed in the fountain, and had not had the fountain lighted, etc. The committee suggested that the matter be dropped. This was done, and Coggswell will stay on a bust.

Merrill's Alley.

Mr. Merrill wants an alley on Campbell avenue, east of Jackson street, repaired at a cost not to exceed $6. This carried.

Stones in a Sewer.

Mr. Berthold wanted some improvements made on the Chillicothe street sewer. There was a big rock there. It developed that it had been there for four years. The committee on sewers will look after the rock.

To Light an Alley.

The light committee wanted authority to put two gaslights in the Davis alley at a cost of $20 per year each. The alley runs east and west between Market and Court streets. This carried.

A Nasty Vault.

A vault adjoining the Seventh street engine house is causing the firemen trouble, and the city solicitor will see what can be done about it.

The New Engine House.

Council decided to examine the Seventh street engine house next Wednesday evening.

Want to Rent.

Mr. Huber presented a request from a club of young men for permission to rent the room upstairs in the Gay street engine house, Jas. W. Newman and Levi D. York standing good for the rent. It was decided to refer the matter to the committee on public property.

The Second Reading.

Clerk Adams read an ordinance to appropriate property to widen Third street from Thompson street to Offnere street. This was the second reading.

Council then adjourned.

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Frank Eck and Ella Reinhart United in Marriage, Late Last Night About Ten O'clock.

Frank Eck and Miss Ella Rheinhart, two well known young people, were united in marriage Wednesday evening at the bride's residence, on East Tenth street. The ceremony was performed about half-past nine o'clock, it being necessary to await the arrival of Rev. Schwab, of the U. B. church, who arrived in the city on the late C. P. & V. train. The young people are members of his congregation. A number of friends of the young couple were present to wish them joy.

BLANKEMEYER, THE TAILOR—this means something. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

Card of Thanks.

W. J. Hartlage, Assistant Superintendent, Portsmouth, Ohio:

Dear Sir:—You will please convey our thanks to the office of the Western and Southern Life Insurance company, of Cincinnati, O., for the prompt payment in full of the insurance on my husband, John Turner. I heartily recommend the Western and Southern Life Insurance company to those not insured, as you never miss the weekly payments. Yours,

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Is the fact that it cures every form of piles without one particle of pain. This desirable point is not obtained by the use of injurious opiates which simply deaden and paralyze the nerves of the parts and make matters worse in the long run. But it is done solely by its remarkable healing and soothing effects.

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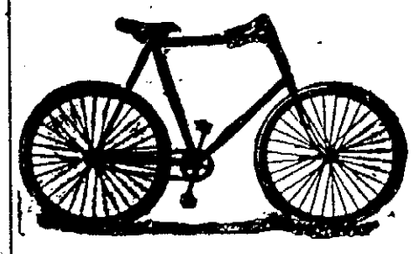

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Claimed That the First Blow-Up Was Not Managed Right and Another Effort Will Be Made—If Oil Is Found Another Well Will Be Put Down In the Spring.

The directors of the Piketon Oil and Gas company have not given up all hope of deriving some benefit from the well sunk last summer. They will have a meeting in Piketon this evening and consider the situation.

It is likely that arrangements will be made to shoot the well again. It will be remembered that the well was shot last summer, without satisfactory results. It developed, however, that the nitro-glycerine used was not up to the standard, being adulterated. It was not even good commercial nitro-glycerine. Then the fellows who had charge of the work apparently did not understand their business very well, and the whole "shooting" was a big blunder from beginning to end. The directors of the Gas and Oil company have abiding faith in the presence of oil in paying quantities in their neighborhood. They say it is there, if they can only locate it. Therefore, they are to have the meeting tonight and expect to arrange to shoot the well again. They will use more of the explosive and see to it that good stuff is purchased. With this they expect to give the well a great shaking up.

The men back of the enterprise have the necessary capital, and if oil in any quantity is found they will at once make arrangements to have another well put down in the spring. The new well will be put down nearer the Scioto county line. If there is any oil in this section these gentlemen are going to get it.

A Novel Attraction.

At our store, commencing Dec. 17th. For the benefit of our patrons and the grocers of Portsmouth, we have arranged an exhibit and serving table of shredded whole wheat biscuit, the greatest food of modern times, made from the whole grain, bran and all. Contains no foreign substances whatever. Endorsed and recommended by scientists and physicians as the food we all should eat. Prepared for any meal in a moment's time, wholesome and economical. All are invited to try this new food.

GEO. W. ANDERSON & SONS,
Damarin Block.

See the Xmas goods at Connolley's store.

Working Night and Day.

The Golden Rod Piano company is working night and day to fill the numerous orders now on hand. Fifteen pianos are now in course of construction. A number of inquiries from out of town have been received, and some orders could be secured if it were possible to fill them. The factory will be busy for some time filling local orders.

A handsome Xmas present—a room of good wall-paper bought at Reilly's. 16-3t

Five Dollars for Information.

Five dollars reward is offered for information that will lead to the conviction of anyone doing damage to the old mill property at the corner of Chillicothe and Front streets. Vandals have broken the windows and damaged the building considerably recently, and the owners propose to stop it.

While looking around for something for a friend, drop in and look at the display at Amann's Gallia street pharmacy, 28 Gallia street. 16-3t

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. E. McGuirk went to Columbus this morning.

W. A. Givens, of Elmtree, was in the city yesterday.

Dr. T. F. Davidson and daughter, Mrs. Adam Krick, went to Columbus this morning.

Miss Mable Poffenberger is spending two weeks visiting friends in Cincinnati and Avondale.

Miss Pauline Grimes returned this afternoon from a short visit with Chillicothe relatives

John Wilhelm, the grocer, returned yesterday afternoon from a several days' business trip to Cincinnati. He was buying Christmas goods.

John C. Forester and H. L. Parker, of the freight department of the Missouri Pacific railroad, where in the city today hustling for business.

R. P. C. Sanderson, assistant superintendent of motive power of the N. & W. railroad, with headquarters at Roanoke, was in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. William Prendergast, of Sixth street, have returned from Cincinnati, where they were the guests of their son, Dr. Prendergast, for five weeks.

Miss Ada Attig, one of the charming young ladies now clerking in Miss Kate Miller's store on Chillicothe street, will spend the holidays in Cincinnati visiting friends.

Leap Year Dance.

A number of young ladies will meet tomorrow evening with Miss Lucy Zoellner to arrange for a Leap Year dance, to be given the first of next week. The dance will be given in Seel's hall.

Coal vases, hods, shovels, tongs and pokers at J. C. Hibbs & Co's.

Buy a pair of shoes and get a brick box of fine candy. We give you one with every purchase. Connolley's shoe store.

At Sixth Street Church.

At Sixth Street M. E. church next Sunday evening, Rev. Thomas S. Robjent preaches a special sermon on "That Big Boy of Ours; His Faults and Ideals." A special program of Chirstmas carols will be rendered on this occasion.

If you have not called on BLANKEMEYER, THE TAILOR, you will find it to your advantage to do so. You know the rest.

A New Name.

George Jones, agent for the Maritime Coal company, was in the city yesterday introducing his successor, John W. McConnell. The Maritime company changes its name to the Thacker Coal company the first of the year.

Remember, I am offering my stock of goods at twenty per cent. cheaper than any jeweler in the city. Call and examine for yourselves.

C. H. HARRIS,
412 Chillicothe St.

Your Boy Wont Live a Month.

So Mr. Gilman Brown, of 34 Mill street, South Gardner, Mass., was told by the doctors. His son had Lung trouble, following Typhoid Malaria, and he spent three hundred and seventy-five dollars with doctors, who finally gave him up, saying: "Your boy wont live a month." He tried Dr. King's New Discovery and a few bottles restored him to health and enabled him to go to work a perfectly well man. He says he owes his present good health to use of Dr. King's New Discovery, and knows it to be the best in the world for Lung trouble. Trial bottle free at Fisher & Streich. Drug store.

A BIG BLOW OUT

Elks Arranging to Initiate a Large Class—Party Monday, Dec. 28th.

At the Elk meeting last night a plan to secure a big class of candidates for the anticipated blow-out soon was perfected, and the following appointed a committee to carry it into effect: Harry W. Miller, Chris Heer, Elmer Dover, Jno. E. Jones, Will Schwartz. The committee will meet at the lodge rooms Saturday evening at 7 o'clock, standard time.

A committee consisting of W. A. McCarlin, Chris. Heer and Howard Hursha was appointed to arrange for the attendance of local Elks at the annual convention at Minneapolis next July. They will report on the advisability of the lodge attending as a body. An important meeting of the lodge will be held next Wednesday evening.

The postponed reception and card party will be held Monday evening, December 28th.

Does your head feel as though someone was hammering it, as though a million sparks were flying out of the eyes? Have you horrible sickness of the stomach? Burdock Blood Bitters will cure you.

Choicest Assortment

OF

Christmas Candies, Fruits, Nuts, etc.,

Can be found at

J. J. ORLETT'S,

Cor. Fourth and Court Sts.

☞ Choice Groceries and Notions. Goods delivered to any part of the city.

WANT COLUMN.

LOST—A bunch of keys, with tag marked Chas. T. Kehoe fastened to ring. Please return to 39 West Fourth street, and receive reward.

WANTED—A good second hand baby buggy, must be in good condition. Answer in Saturday columns.

WANTED—A good girl at 121 West Third street. Wages $2 per week.

FOR RENT—A house of five rooms at the corner of Third and Bond. Inquire at Bank saloon

WANTED—Furnished room by a gentleman. Must be a very quiet neighborhood Address Farmers' National Bank.

FOR RENT—A nice six room house, with office and stable, within one square of the postoffice. Inquire at 134 W. Second street

FOR SALE—A cow in first-class condition; cheap. Call at the Nitterhouse home, Kinney's Lane. 16-3t.

FOR SALE—Second hand hard coal base burners and range at C. S. Cadot's. 16-3t

WANTED—A girl at 34 East Ninth street. References required. Mrs. Henry T. Bannon.

WANTED—Position to drive delivery wagon by a young man of nineteen. Experienced in soliciting orders and is well acquainted with the city. Reference. Address "Hustler," of Times office.

WANTED—Position to do any kind of housework. Call at 239 West Front street.

JAVARYE—Have you tried it? One pound equals in strength two pounds of coffee, and costs but fifteen cents per pound. It is healthful and fattening. Made here. All grocers sell it.

WANTED—Old smokey chimneys to renovate and also old grates to reset to the latest improved style. All work guaranteed. Address Frank Melcher, No. 88 West Fifth street or 320 East Tenth street and your order will be promptly attended to.

Candy Can

Be bought cheaper at the Central Grocery than anywhere else in town.

You Can

Get what you want here for Christmas—no matter what it is. Canned goods of all kinds. No one

Can Can

It as cheap as you can buy it here. All kinds of tropical and domestic fruits and

Nuts Can

Be found among our superb holiday stock. It will pay you to call and see our holiday stock before you buy your holiday supplies.

The Central Grocery

New Store

THE DOMESTIC BAZAAR,

191 West Second St.

Ladies' and Children's Underwear, Hosiery, Gloves, Mitts, etc.

Holiday Goods a Specialty.

Home Made Bread,

Cakes and Pies

Fresh every Saturday. You are cordially invited to call and inspect the stock.

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PACKAGES

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Finest Chewing Gum

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For 5 Cents, at

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B. BLACKMORE,

Plumber.

Gas, Steam and Hot Water Fitter. General Electric Work.
10 W. Sixth st. P. O. Box 184.
Portsmouth, O.
Estimates promptly furnished.

Fix That Shoe

Before it is ruined. If you do not want it any more sell it.

J. A. McKinney

Is an expert in mending and buys and sells second hand shoes. 1020 Chillicothe street.

Great Reductions

In Clothing, Furnishing Goods and Hats. By buying of us you can save from 15c to 25c on every dollar,

See our fine white silk initial handkerchiefs, large size for 39c
See our fine white jaquet initial handkerchiefs, large size 19c

Silk Mufflers 50c, 75c, $1, $1.50 Some, very nice, 25c and 35c.

Men's black Alpine hats, the kind you pay $1, $1.25 for, our price 69c.

Men's fine black and brown Alpine hats $1, $1.25, $1.50, $2.

75c laundered shirts, collars and cuffs attached, 50c.

Men's black stiff hats, $1, $1.50, $2, and $2.50.

A fine line of neckwear, all the latest styles, 25c and 50c.

A big assortment of fine Dress Gloves, Dress Shirts, Collars and Cuffs, Umbrellas, etc.

THE FAMOUS,

F. & M. G. STRAUS,

133 West Second Street. *3 Doors Above Market St.*

Christmas Shoppers

Will find what they want in footwear of every description at our store. Our line of Men's and Ladies' Slippers is larger than ever before. There is nothing nicer or handsomer than our Ladies'

Patent Leather Sandals.....at $1 and $1 [illegible]
Also Our Sandal Dongola.....at $1 and 1 [illegible]
Ladies' Felt Juliette, felt lined..... 1 [illegible]
Some very handsome things in sandals.....at $2 and 2 [illegible]
Men's Brown Goat Nullifiers, with Goring in sides at..... 2 [illegible]
Men's Black Kid..... 1 [illegible]
Men's Ox Blood Opera, white kid lined..... 2 [illegible]
Men's Patent Leather Oxfords, different style of toes.....at $1 50 and 2 [illegible]
Men's Brown Goat Opera..... 1 [illegible]
Men's Black Kid Everett..... 1 [illegible]
Men's Brown and Black Hamlet shapes..... 1 [illegible]
Men's Black Kid Slippers, felt lined..... 1 [illegible]
Men's Tan Goat Columbia..... 1 [illegible]
Men's Brown Imitation Alligator Everett..... [illegible]
Men's Grain Slippers at.....50c and [illegible]

Our line of Men's Patent Calf Shoes in all the latest style toes are in every way all the heart could wish.

ANDERSON BROTHERS,

603 CHILLICOTHE STREET.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!

Is King

And will perform miracles at Seebohm's this week. Avoid the rush and buy early while the assortment is perfect. Our line comprises all articles usually found in a first class Drug Store during Christmastide. You are invited. We can save you $ $ $. No trouble to show goods. Our prices will suit you.

Yours B. Jolly & Merry, alias

SEEBOHM & CO.,

Second and Chillicothe Sts.

THE OLDEST AND THE BEST

Cough-cure, the most prompt and effective remedy for diseases of the throat and lungs, is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. As an emergency medicine, for the cure of Croup, Sore Throat, Lung Fever and Whooping Cough,

AYER'S

Cherry Pectoral cannot be equaled. E. M. BRAWLEY, D. D. Dis. Sec. of the American Baptist Publishing Society, Petersburg, Va., endorses it, as a cure for violent colds, bronchitis, etc. Dr. Brawley also adds: To all ministers suffering from throat troubles, I recommend

AYER'S Cherry Pectoral

Awarded Medal at World's Fair.

AYER'S PILLS Cure Liver and Stomach Troubles.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

This Ad Contains Prices of Gentlemen's Handkerchiefs Only.

10 dozen Gent's Plain White Hemstitched .....5c apiece
10 dozen Gent's Plain White Hemstitched .....10c apiece
1 lot Gent's Plain White Hemstitched, all linen 15c
1 lot Gent's plain white hemstitched, all linen, 20c apiece
1 lot Gent's plain white hemstitched, all linen, 25c apiece

Gent's Colored Borders.

10 dozen Gent's hemstitched colored borders.....5c apiece
10 dozen Gent's hemstitched colored borders.....5c apiece
10 dozen Gent's hemstitched colored borders, 10c, 3 for 25c
10 dozen Gent's hemstitched colored borders, 15c, 2 for 25c

Silk Initial and Plain Silk

5 dozen Silk Initial Handkerchiefs.....20c apiece
5 dozen Silk Initial Handkerchiefs.....25c apiece
1 lot Silk and Silk Initial Handkerchiefs.....45c apiece
1 lot plain Silk Hemstitched Handkerchiefs .....50c apiece

John F. Steahly,

Opera House Corner.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

ELK.

H. E. Hurford, Cincinnati.
Clarence L Stanton, Cincinnati.
L. K. Smith, Dayton.
Ben Arnold, New York.
W. Berger, New York.
Ben Wollmer, Zanesville.
Jno. Taral, New York.
R. M. McCall, Vanceburg.
J. T. Large, Rochester, N. Y.

ARLINGTON.

W. T. Fickey, Cincinnati.
Elmer Snyder, Crone, O.
T. F. Craig, Naern.
Stewart Robinson, Crone, O.
James C. Cadot, Vernon.

BIGGS.

C. P. Porter, Chicago.
R. P. C. Sanderson, Roanoke, Va.
T. H. Stayton, Cincinnati.
C. F. Raukin, Columbus.
C. J. Batcharie, Syracuse, N. Y.
G. H. Hoyt, New York.
H. L. Parker, Cincinnati.
T. C. Forester, Cincinnati.
W. F. McKnight, Philadelphia.
R. W. Huston, Columbus.
J. P. Kroll, West Va.
F. M. Chase, Cincinnati.
Chas. H. Wood, San Francisco.
T. M. Wilson, Cincinnati.
V. A. Adams, New York.
Joe Jacobs, New York.
E. G. Kemmle, Columbus.
Frank S. Casey, Cambridge.
A. R. Howard, Maysville.
H. A. Harris, New York.
O. C. Schoolfield, Virginia.
Chas. Goodwin Jr., Baltimore.
E. P. Ruhrat, Chillicothe.
Lee Chamberlain, Columbus.
C. L. Wewald, Burlington, Iowa.
Jos. Kelley, Cincinnati.
H. A. Gunning, Chicago.

SAFFORD.

T. T. Jones, Columbus.
B. Higgins, Cincinnati.
Ace Aseiltine, Boston.
E. H. Winter, Freemont.
E. J. Holden, Port Jervis, N. Y.
A. P. Lindon, Cleveland.
Fred Jones, Cincinnati.
A. G. Shiers, Marietta.
John McConnell, Cleveland.
Geo. W. Jones, Thacker,
F. E. Neal, Louisville.
Frank Ley, Columbus.
A. Bohmankamp, Cincinnati.

Ohio Music Teachers' Association.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Ohio Music Teachers' association will be held in Delaware, Ohio, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 28th, 29th and 30th, 1896.

The programmes are arranged with a view to presenting the best modern works, classified according to the nationality of the composer, and performed by the best musicians. In several instances the programs are accompanied with descriptive and analytical papers, making them instructive as well as entertaining.

Special attention has been given to the discussion of public school music. Two sessions have been provided, in which topics of vital importance to all interested in this branch of the profession will be discussed by successful teachers.

The sessions will all be held in Gray Chapel, the Ohio Wesleyan University auditorium, which contains one of the largest and very finest concert organs in the state.

A special rate of one and one-third fare has been secured on all railroads to all who attend the meetings.

For programs, books, and other information, address J. H. Duteil, Delaware, Ohio.

Is Recovering Rapidly.

Will Herder, the N. & W. engineer who was hurt a few days ago by falling from his engine, is improving nicely. He is at the home of his father, George Herder, on Ninth street. Mrs. Herder and children have come down from Columbus to be with the injured man.

Take a look at those fine $3.98 upholstered couches at Nichols Bros. 17-5t.

Hives are not dangerous to life, but they are a prolific breeder of misery and profanity. Doan's Ointment gives instant relief, even in the worst cases of this and other exasperating diseases of the skin.

FRAGMENTS.

Miss Estella Stratton is very ill at her home on East Eleventh street, with pneumonia.

Jacob Bauer has been awarded the contract for paving the floor of the water works coal house.

Mr. Joseph Merrill has sold his grocery on Gallia street to Will Andre. Mr. Merrill is undecided as to his future movements.

Athletic park is full of water, and the toboggan slide is completed. All that is wanted is some snappy, cold weather to put the town on skates.

A delightful little party was given at the home of Clarence Chapman last night. Twenty of his friends enjoyed the evening in games and taffy pulling.

MR. KINNEY'S STAFF

Secretary of State Announces His Appointees—Two Scioto County Men on the List.

Secretary of State-elect Kinney has announced his official staff. Mr. Kinney has thirteen positions to fill, and two of them come to Scioto county. Clarence M. Smith, of Lucasville, will be the statistical clerk, the second best position in the office, and Millard Ramsey, of this city, will be one of the shipping clerks. Most of the appointees have been connected with the office in recent years, and the staff is pronounced a good one.

IN NEW BOSTON.

The Affairs of the New Union Church Seem to Be Prospering.

The members of the congregation at the Union church are enterprising Christians and are determined to make their church a success. At a recent meeting the pastor, Rev. Hackworth, announced that a collection would be taken to purchase some chandeliers. They cost $5 each. Mr. Taylor arose and said that he would buy one himself. Others were equally as liberal, and in less than ten minutes four chandeliers had been arranged for.

The church house will be dedicated Sunday afternoon, December 27th, and everybody is cordially invited.

A Half Dozen Hobos.

The cold breezes last night drove six hobos to the city building for shelter. There were no other names on the calander this morning.

Good pictures—and good cheap pictures—at Reilly's. 16-3t

Woman's Advantage.

Artistic Friend—And so you are to be married?

Miss Marie Bilkins (struggling artist)—Yes, it is simply impossible to sell a picture with such a name as Bilkins on it, so I have accepted the heart and hand of a grocery clerk named De La Croix.—N. Y. Weekly.

An Unkind Retort.

Mrs. Dusenberry—It's dreadful to be disappointed in love.

Mr. Dusenberry—There is something a great deal worse than that.

"What, for instance?"

"To be disappointed in marriage."—Texas Sifter.

Boarding-House Incident.

It occurred at the boarding house of Mrs. Flapjack, on Ross avenue. Mrs. Flapjack was carving the breakfast mackerel when she spoke up and said:

"I see that a Miss Finch, a girl living in Ohio, has been living 80 days without food."

"Is that all?" remarked Gilhooly, sadly. "I've boarded here for the last seven years."

He got the head of the mackerel for his share that morning.—Texas Sifter.

Cause of the Trouble.

The society editor was explaining the matter.

"Mrs. Gadabout does not feel very friendly to us now," she said.

"Why not?"

"Well, she gave quite an elaborate dinner recently and asked me not to mention it in the paper."

"And you ignored her wishes?"

"Yes; I ignored her wishes. I didn't mention it."—Chicago Post.

The Old Story.

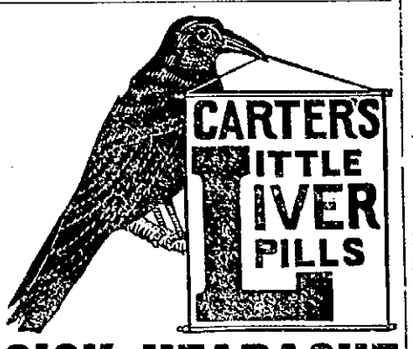
And now the festive farmer
Brings his potatoes into town
This size on the top side—
O O O O O O O O O O O O O
And this size further down—
O O O O O O O O O O O O O
—Georgetown (Ky.) News.

That New Road.

The preparatory work of the new Cincinnati, Hillsboro and Jackson railroad is going right ahead, and the promoters of the enterprise expect to have everything in shape to secure the right of way and let contracts in the spring.

C. A. Sprecher makes the largest loaf of bread in the city for five cents.

The finest line of pocket cutlery, scissors and the like, for Christmas presents, at J. C. Hibbs & Co's.



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Positively cured by these Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

New stock of Jewelry, Watches and Clocks, Silver Novelties, at low prices. You can make fine Christmas presents for little money. 10 per cent. discount on all sales. We have a fine stock of Stick Pins, Scarf Pins, Sleeve Buttons, Shirt Studs, Watch Chains, Charms, Lockets, Toilet Sets, Combs, Coat Hangers, Key Rings, Hat Marks, Glove Hooks, Match Safes, Opera Glasses, Diamond and Opal Rings, Pendants, Baby Pins and Rings, Bracelets all the latest, Picture Frames, Spectacles and Cases, Umbrellas and Canes, Souvenir Spoons, Gold Pens and Tooth Picks, Fountain Pens, Tea Sets, Porcelain Clocks, etc., etc.

Come and see our stock, you will be pleased with our prices.

Ed. Lee Feyler,

81 W. Second St.

One Week More

And Christmas will be here. You want a Book, Album, Toilet Case, Cigar Box, Necktie Case or Mirror and Frame. We sell them cheap. We want to clean out our stock. Our toy department is the largest in town and we sell cheaper than anybody. Our dolls are beauties, all sizes and kinds and we sell them for less than any dry goods man can make them. Christmas cards and calendars and booklets. Our 15c, 25c and 50c books are worth twice the amount.

Schloss & Company,

414 Chillicothe Street.

FOLLOW THE CROWDS

STEAHLY BROTHERS

313 CHILLICOTHE STREET,

FOR YOUR HOLIDAY GOODS.

Christmas Dress Goods.

28-in Serges in all colors at.....12½c yd
30-in Brocades in all colors at... 15c yd
34-in Brocades in all colors at... 20c yd
34-in Cashmere in all colors at.. 20c yd
36-in all wool Serges in all colors 25c yd
46-in all wool Serges in all colors 40c yd
46-in Serges and Henriettas in all colors, at..... 50c yd
40-in Storm Serges, colors blue, black and brown..... 60c yd
40-in Crepons, that contain a world of beauty, at..... 60c yd
40-in Crepons, pretty patterns, 75c yd

A World of Plaids.

One lot Plaids at..... 5c
One lot Plaids at..... 10c
One lot Plaids at.....12½c
One lot Plaids at..... 15c
One lot Plaids at..... 20c
One lot Plaids at..... 25c
One lot Plaids at..... 45c
One lot Plaids at..... 75c

Xmas Hosiery.

Ladies' cotton Hosiery in black and grey, at.....10c
Ladies' fleeced cotton Hosiery at.....10c
Ladies' extra heavy fleeced Hosiery 15c
Ladies' extra heavy fleeced Hosiery 20c
Ladies' extra heavy fleeced Hosiery 25c
See our Children's extra heavy cotton fleeced Hosiery, seemless, at 15c

Xmas Draperies.

See our Golden Draperies. 10 pieces Golden Draperies, handsome patterns, at 12½c and 20c.

10 pieces Silkalines in all colors, pretty patterns, at 10c and 12½c yard.

50 Pieces

Lancaster Ginghams to select from, all choice patterns, at 6c yard.

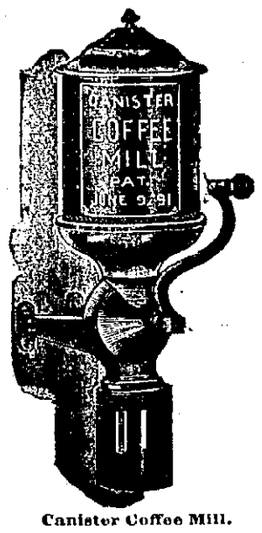
200 Pieces

Calicoes in blue, black, red, gray and fancy patterns at 5c yard.

STEAHLY BROS.,

313 Chillicothe Street. *Between Third and Fourth.*

Headquarters for Christmas Goods.



Canister Coffee Mill.

Get something useful as well as ornamental.

Fancy Coal Vases,

Brass and Steel Fire Sets,

Turkey Roasters.

Cook Stoves and Ranges.

Hard and Soft Coal Base Burners.

Anti-Rust Tinware.

We have the agency for the Lish Anti-Rust Tinware, something will positively not rust.

C. S. CADOT.

MONUMENTS CHEAP.

To save cost of shipping, as we will leave Portsmouth, we will sell you any piece of work in stock at actual cost. Work sold now can be put up at any time the purchaser may elect.

110 West Front. Marble and Granite Works

Monday, Dec. 21st.

Grand

Matinee and Night.

Salter & Martin's Mammoth, Original production of the Foremost American Drama

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN.

20 Horses, Mules, Donkeys, Burros, Shetland Ponies, Oxen
8 Man-Eating Cuban and Russian Bloodhounds.
3 Magnificently Equipped Bands.

Carload of Special Scenery. A Superb Orchestra. Popular Prices.

Watch for the Monster Noon-Day Parade. *Concert in Front of Opera House.*

THE **Peerless** AND **Popular**

Agnes Wallace Villa

At The Grand Christmas, Friday, December 25th.

Matinee and Night In the WONDERFUL PLAY

The World Against Her

Beautiful Costumes. Elegant Specialties. Two Lovely Children in Cast. Regular Prices.

An Amusement House of Ultra Respectability Patronized by our BEST FAMILIES.

The Grand!

SIX NIGHTS and SATURDAY MATINEE.

Beginning Monday, Dec. 14.

Jessie Mae Hall

TONIGHT—Double Bill (By Request) "A Complicated Case" And "The Millionaire"

Numerous Specialties, Medleys, Songs and Dances. An Entire Change at Each Performance.

RECRUITING

For the Cuban Army Openly Carried on at St. Louis.

United States Circuit Attorney Felt Will Attempt to Stop It.

It is in Direct Violation of the Neutrality Law—The Penalty is a Fine Not Exceeding $3,000 and Imprisonment for Not More Than Three Years.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—Enlistment of recruits and solicitation of funds to aid the Cubans continues here unabated and is carried on without attempt at concealment. This is done in direct violation of legal enactment, and Wednesday United States Circuit Attorney Felt felt called upon to interfere. Senor Ramon Aquabella, the active Cuban agent here, Wednesday received a note from the attorney calling attention to the following section of the neutrality law:

"Every person who, within the territory or jurisdiction of the United States, begins or sets on foot or provides or prepares the means for any military expedition or enterprise, to be carried on from thence against the territories or dominions of any foreign prince or state, colony, district or people with whom the United States are at peace, shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor and shall be fined not exceeding $3,000 and imprisonment for not more than three years."

Had the work of enlistment been carried on with a show of secrecy, as heretofore, this note of the attorney would not have been written. But for a week recruiting and the soliciting of funds has been public.

Julius Von Gerste and W. C. Carter revolutionary agents, have been quietly picking up the right kind of men and shipping them to New Orleans. They left for that point Wednesday, accompanied by Cornelius Knott, a chemist, and J. L. Goodner, a mecanical engineer, who have a new fangled cannon that is said to work deadly execution.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The Cuban agitation all through the United States has become so acute since the president's message and the death of Maceo that Chairman Cragin, of the local Cuban relief committee, decided Wednesday, after a conference with his associates, to call a general meeting of the committee of 100 prominent citizens at the Union League club Friday afternoon to consider the local state of affairs and prepare for the contingency of congressional action in favor of the Cubans. Mr. Cragin estimates the number of patriotic young men who have applied for enlistment in the Cuban army from this city at 500. In the last few days there has been a large increase. The committee is not receiving any applications because the laws forbid such enlistments, but it is well known that there is almost a daily exodus of men in small bodies, so that no attention has been attracted. Members of the Chicago regiments of the national guard are anxious to help the Cubans as soon as belligerent rights are accorded.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 17.—United States Marshal Love, by instructions from Washington Wednesday took measures to suppress Cuban recruiting. In this city the recruiting agents got notice and abandoned their headquarters before arrests could be made.

COUNTY-HOUSE

At Galveston, Tex., Burning—The Courthouse and Other Buildings Threatened.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 17.—The Galveston county-house is a mass of flames and it is doubtful if any of the records outside of those in the steel fire proof vaults will be saved and it is thought these may be badly damaged. The entire fire department is on the scene trying to save the courthouse and adjoining buildings which are greatly endangered by the flames. How the fire originated is a mystery. When discovered it was breaking out near the roof and spreading rapidly. At this hour (12:30 a. m.) it was burning fiercely despite the efforts of the firemen. The loss of the records will approximate $100,000; insured.

Jefferson Barracks Reservation.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—The commission appointed to examine the reservation at Jefferson barracks and report upon its availability as a military station, convened at the barracks at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. The commission consists of Gen. Guy C. Henry, commander; Lieut. Col. Albert Hartrouff, medical director, department of Missouri; Maj. G. B. Girard, surgeon at the barracks, and Lieut. S. R. Rivers, quartermaster of Third cavalry. The commission will also consider a report on the advisability of the purchase of a target range at Arcadia, Mo.

Idle Mine to Resume.

ISHPEMING, Mich., Dec. 17.—Supt. Davidson, of the Commonwealth Iron Co., and F. B. Miller, representing the Cleveland capital, finished their inspection of the Bessie mine at Humboldt, and the sale, spending for a month, will be closed. Davidson and Miller announced that the mining operations would be resumed after the first of the year with 200 men. The Bessie has been idle three years.

National Irrigation Congress.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 17.—Three thousand visitors were in Phœnix Wednesday to attend the fifth annual session of the National Irrigation congress. Visitors came from 25 states, the eastern men taking as much interest in irrigation as the arid land citizens. Strawberries, oranges, lemons, grapes and various other semi-tropical fruits were presented to the visitors.

Aged Counterfeiter Convicted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Henry T. Basford, an old white-haired man, and ex-Detective Edward Tompkins, were Wednesday convicted of counterfeiting in the United States criminal court.

CONDENSED NEWS

Gathered From All Parts of the Country by Telegraph.

A dispatch from Palermo says that the former Cuban filibustering steamer Laurada has left that port for Gibraltar, where she will ship a cargo and proceed to America.

The Bering sea commission that has been in session at Victoria, B. C., for some weeks past, is expected to arrive in San Francisco the latter part of this week, when the investigation will be continued.

El Correo Militar demands that Gen. Weyler be recalled from Cuba and replaced by Gen. Marin, Gen. Macias, now in command of the troops in the Canary islands, succeeding the Marquis Ahumada as second in command.

Billy Smith has sued Thomas Sharkey for $900 which he claims is due him for services rendered in assisting to train the sailor for his recent battle with Fitzsimmons. Smith asserts that his services were worth $1,000 but Sharkey had only paid him $100.

A subscription list has been started among the medical fraternity of St. Paul for the purpose of purchasing medicinal supplies for the sick and wounded in Cuba. It is intended to send the supplies by way of Tampa, Fla., to the camps and towns of the patriots.

The United States embassy Wednesday afternoon obtained from the magistrate of the Bow street police court, London, a warrant for the arrest of a man accused of having committed a murder in the state of Kentucky. The name of the man is not disclosed, but the attaches of the embassy say they expect his immediate arrest.

The grand jury of Clinton county, Illinois, returned two indictments against B. H. Nichoff, for seven years cashier of the bank of the late Rufus Nemsey, at Carlyle, Ill. Both charge him with the embezzlement of specific sums of money from the funds of the bank. The amount of the embezzlement stated in the indictments is about $1,000.

The Farmers and Citizens' bank, of Paola, Kan., one of the most prosperous in the state, has decided to go into involuntary liquidation, its three officers having been chosen to fill state offices. C. H. Hefflebower, president, is state treasurer-elect; Paul Russell, vice president, is representative-elect; J. P. Williams, cashier, assistant state treasurer.

Mr. Woodman (rep., Ill.) has introduced in the house a bill to preserve and enhance the patriotism of the navy of the United States. It provides that no person shall be eligible to enlistment in the navy, as an engineer, machinist, or other branch of service, requiring special skill or technical information, who is not a citizen of the United States.

Two prisoners, who claim to be descendants of foreign nobility, are locked up at police headquarters, Chicago, on charges of swindling. They are Count Henri Kling, of Strasburg, Germany, and Prince Lorenzo Mabes, of Naples, Italy. Whoever they are, the police say they are clever confidence men and that they are wanted in many large cities of this country and Europe.

The J. E. Bolls wire and iron works, Detroit, has been purchased by the F. B. Hart Wire and Iron Co., which filed articles Wednesday, capital stock $150,000, paid in $47,500. Mr. Hart comes from Lafayette, Ind., where he was treasurer and manager of the Barbee wire and iron works. The company expects to begin operation January 15, with about sixty men, increasing the number during the year to 150 or 200.

IN CONGRESS.

An Attempt to Take Up the Dingley Bill in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—SENATE—A very interesting and important discussion upon Mr. Allen's (pop., Neb.) resolution to take up the Dingley bill for consideration in the senate was started Wednesday by Mr. Vest (dem., Mo.) and was participated in by Senators Allen, Chandler and Gallinger (reps., N. H.), Fry and Hale (reps., Me.), Aldrich (rep., R. I.), Sherman (rep., O.), Teller (silver rep., Col.) and Gorman (dem., Md.). The upshot of the debate was a complete acquiescence, on both sides of the chamber, in the fact that the Dingley bill could not possibly be passed at the present session and that the enactment of a new tariff bill would have to go over to a new session of congress to be convened as early as possible.

HOUSE—The house Wednesday devoted nearly all of a four hours' session to the army appropriation bill for the year ending June 30, 1898, in committee of the whole.

Hamburg-American Liner Ashore.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Lloyd's agent at Curacoa cabled that the Hamburg-American line steamer Thuringia from Hamburg, November 13, and Havre, November 17, for West Indian ports is ashore east of Point Curacoa, island of Curacoa. It is not believed that she has any passengers.

Pittsburgh Laundry Burns.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 17.—The East End laundry, owned by James J. Wilson, was burned Wednesday night. Loss $50,000, insurance $25,000. Two employes and a visitor were on the third floor of the building and were forced to jump to an adjoining roof to escape.

Ready to Take the Field.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 17.—A dozen students of the Kansas Medical college have notified the Cuban junta in New York that they are ready to take the field at any time as surgeons in the cause of the insurgents.

Ex-Congressman Horr Dying.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Dec. 17.—Ex-Congressman Horr, who has been seriously sick for the past two weeks with bronchitis is not expected to live through the night.

Consul Lee Goes Back to Havana.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Gen. Fitzhugh Lee will leave Thursday for Havana, which he will reach Sunday morning. His wife and daughter will go with him.

Cardinal Boyer Dead.

BOURGES, Dec. 17.—Cardinal Jean Pierre Boyer, archbishop of Bourges, died in this city Wednesday. He was 67 years of age.

SOCIAL EVIL.

Judge White Introduces a Novel Plan for Its Suppression in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17.—In the criminal court Wednesday Judge White introduced a new plan for suppressing the social evil. Four women, who were arrested for conducting disorderly houses, were fined in the aggregate $1,100, and with the promise of discontinuing their nefarious business escaped going to the workhouse. Judge White said:

"They simply sell liquor as an incident to their business of the house. It seems with the connivance of the police, many of these sporting houses are permitted to go, and sending these women up simply puts the county to additional costs. It is no terror to them to be sent to the workhouse. By this arrangement the county will be about $1,200 better off when the costs are counted. It is better to have this money in the county treasurer's office than to let the police get it. Besides, the women promise to quit and we can send them up if they don't stop."

SIX MINERS

Crushed to Death in the Holy Cross Mine, Near Red Cliff, Col.

RED CLIFF, Col., Dec. 17.—A terrible accident occurred late Wednesday afternoon in a tunnel of the Holy Cross mine. A rich strike was made recently in the tunnel, and the company has been pushing the development of the new vein. Six men were at work in the tunnel Wednesday afternoon. A heavy blast was put in which tore down a great quantity of earth and stone, under which they were crushed to death.

The district is situated 16 miles from this place and the courier who brought the news of the disaster could not give the names of the unfortunate miners. Physicians were sent from here. It is doubtful if any further news will be received for some hours.

Trade Marks.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 17.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the trade mark association of plug tobacco manufacturers called for the purpose of settling the priority of certain trade marks, it was decided to make an effort to have the long term congress pass a law requiring all trade marks to be registered and all manufacturers notified so that they can not be duplicated. A penalty will be attached to the use of another firm's trade mark after the bill has passed. It was decided to maintain the association and an assessment was levied.

British Cruiser Coming.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The British cruiser Indefatigable, which sailed Wednesday for America and the West Indies, is a twin-screw cruiser of the second-class, with a tonnage of 3,600 and indicated horse power of 9,000. She carries eight guns, while the Mohawk, which she replaces, is a vessel of only 1,770 tons, 3,500 horse power, and carries but six guns.

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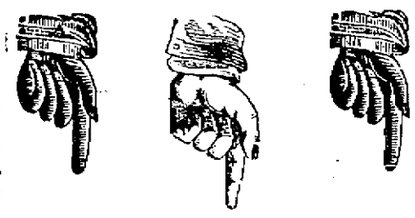

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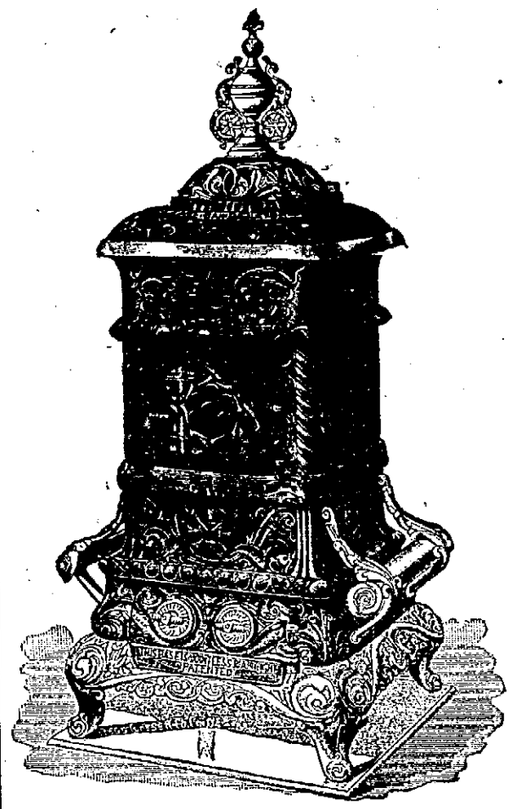

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Eastbound	Westbound
*11.50 a.m	*4.50 a.m
*2.52 p.m	*7.10 a.m
†7.18 p.m	*3.07 p.m
*12.00 p.m	†3.37 p.m

C. P. & V. R. R.

Eastbound	Westbound
*12.05 p.m (Arrive)	†6.05 a.m
*8.15 p.m	*1.45 p.m
11.35 p.m.	12.15 a.m

N. & W. R. R.

Eastbound	Westbound
*10.55 a.m	*5.15 a.m
*3.42 p.m	*10.28 a.m
*11.10 p.m	*4.42 p.m

B. & O. S-W. (Hamden Junction.)

Northbound	Southbound
†7.00 a.m	†10.40 a.m
†2.40 p.m	(Arrive) †6.05 p.m

C. H. V. & T. R. R.

Trains leave Hamden,

Northbound	Arr Columbus
5 53 a.m.	8 50 a.m
11 10 a.m.	2 25 p.m
4 40 p.m.	8 00 p.m

* Daily.
† Daily except Sunday.

FOOTLIGHT FLASHES.

Tonight Jessie Mae Hall, the "Little Comet," and her company will present by request a double bill, "A Complicated Case" and "The Millionaire." Let every seat in the house be taken. The plays and players are right up to the standard of high excellence. See the fine costumes, the magnificent stage settings. Prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" will be with us Monday. Uncle Tom announces his coming in a personal letter to the Times, as below: "It is now over thirty-four years since I first made my appearance before you—introduced by the ever-to-be-remembered lady, Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe—and, during that long period of time, I have enjoyed naught but the highest of appreciation, commendation and kindness from the press and the public. I have been honored and deeply thought of by all classes—high and low, rich and poor; aye, by the decrepid, the sick, the suffering, the lame; and even the blind have listened feelingly to my story, and commiserated with me in the great wrong with which I was afflicted, but now so happily righted. From the time of my advent before the thinking, feeling and philanthropic people of the world, I have become known throughout the confines of civilization—and many parts of the uncivilized, too. I have been received by emperors and empresses, kings and queens, and other rulers; by princes, dukes, earls, lords and ladies; by statesmen, scientists, savans and other professional celebrities — by all of whom I have been accorded a kind, considerate and flatering recognition. I have been adopted by almost every nation, and have obtained a status in France, Germany, Russia, Austria, Italy, Spain, Scandinavia, Norway, Denmark, and other countries on the European continent. I have traveled far and near—throughout the British Isles and Great Britain's colonies and dependencies; and there is not a city, town, village or hamlet in the United States, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, that I am not favorably known. I have had a place to rest, wherever I have been presented. In fact, every household throughout the inhabited globe has contributed its meed of praise and sympathized in the trials, tribulations and miseries of poor 'Uncle Tom.' My re-appearance in your city will be Monday, in matinee and night performances, at the Grand, popular prices prevailing."

"UNCLE TOM."

The American artiste, Agnes Wallace Villa, will present "The World Against Her" at the Grand, Christmas, in matinee and night performances. Kansas City papers say: "By this time every one knows where this gifted actress is playing, and that the play she appears in is one of the best in plot and portrayal. "The World Against Her" has never been excelled in drawing full houses everywhere, and when the star returns next season the demand for seats will be greater, if possible, than the present engagement. Last night was conceded to be the largest Friday night house ever seen in the theatre, and again the star and company received the plaudits of the audience. Tonight is positively the tenth and last performance of this success."

The Cincinnati Enquirer has let itself loose in words of praise for Al. G. Field and his merry minstrels, who are holding the boards in Cincinnati this week. Of his manager, it says: "Colonel John W. Vogel, the hustling and enterprising manager of the Al. G. Field minstrels, is ever on the alert for the care and comfort of his company. Last week, while playing at Eau Claire, Wis., during the ice gorge scare, when the citizens every moment expected the gorge to rush upon the city and sweep it away, John lost no time in insuring the safety of the company by chartering a special engine and attaching it to the Al. G. Field train of cars. Luckily, the threatened danger did not occur, but Mr. Vogel's forethought placed the company in a position to leave Eau Claire at a moment's warning." Of the treasurer, the Enquirer speaks true: "Joe Reider, treasurer of the Al. G. Field minstrels, is a very popular member of the executive staff, especially on Monday morning, when he dons his white robe and visits the boys with the festive envelope. Joe's mustache is as black as ever, but he is accumulating a few basting threads among the coal black locks."

Manager Grimes has secured for the New Year's attraction Edison's Vitascope and Refined Comedy company. It will not be the same company that was here recently; that is, it will present more vitascope pictures and an entirely different comedy bill, so far as people, songs, etc., are concerned. It is under the same management, however, and owned by the same man, Colonel John F. Hummel.

"The Princess of Patches" was grandly portrayed by Jessie Mae Hall and her company at the Grand last night. The audience was delighted and went wild when the stirring situations, in which the play abounds, were given. The songs and dances were clever and cleverly rendered. See the company tonight in the double bill, "A Complicated Case," and "The Millionaire."

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.]

Washington, Dec. 14th, 1896.

There is a great deal more in the announcement that the Republican members of the house committee on ways and means have begun work on the tariff bill which they are to attempt to pass at the extra session of the next congress to be held early in the spring, and that the committee are to grant hearings to manufacturers at once than appears upon the surface. There are reasons to believe that this announcement was hurried up as a part of the plan to elect Republican senators enough this winter to make a majority for that party. The Republican steering committee of the senate succeeded in getting Mr. Hanna to undertake this job of electing senators in Kentucky, North Carolina, South Dakota and Washington, and everybody knows that the only lever Mr. Hanna relies upon for success is money. By giving the men who expect to get big profits through the "protection" of a Republican tariff bill hearings before the committee they can be shown that they are to get what they want and thus be put into the humor to furnish what Mr. Hanna wants—more cash.

The same talk about a "moderate tariff," which is now being given to newspaper men was prevalent when work was begun on the McKinley bill. The result will be a bill that will probably be more radical than the McKinley bill was. It is true that many of the Republicans would really like to see the bill made moderate, but it is equally true that the men who made Republican success possible this year are determined that the duties shall be high. President Cleveland has gone to South Carolina on a fishing trip, and congressmen are jocularly charging him with having run away to escape the ex-queen of Hawaii, who is coming to Washington to present him with a bill of damages for failure to fulfill his promise, not of marriage, but of a restored throne.

The Populists in congress are a little shy about expressing for publication any opinion about the rumpus between Senator Marion Butler and Tom Watson, but it is plain that some of them, especially those from the South, believe that Butler will have to do something to show his resentment or lose his influence with the Populists of that section. A Georgian, who is not a Populist, said about the recent phase of it: "There were fighting words in that signed article of Watson's, and when I was a young man it wouldn't have been a question of publishing a similar attack upon the other party. To have said that a man tells an untruth merely for the casual pleasure of having deceived would have meant duelling, pistols, and early morning meeting in the vicinity of Baldensburg in the good old days." There is no idea that Butler will do anything more than to call Watson another.

If McKinley is half as wise as his admirers think him to be, he will quickly let it be known among the Republican senators that Proctor, of Vermont, is not to be the administration leader in the senate of the next congress, a position now assigned him by rumor. Senator Proctor is a nice enough man in his way, but he has not, either as a member of Harrison's cabinet, or as a senator, shown any of the qualities needed for successful leadership, and there is no reason to believe that he possesses them. There are already a number of Republican senators who do not feel over cordial towards McKinley, and if he isn't very careful, he will be in hot water almost as soon as he is in the White House.

The house made a fairly good showing for the first week of the session, having passed the pension appropriation bill, a number of postal bills, a bill against the sale of liquor in the capitol building, and a whole batch of private pension bills. The senate held only four sessions during the week, and it has very little to show for them. At one of these sessions some commotion was caused by a motion made by Senator Allen to take up the Dingley bill. The motion carried, but the only result was the killing of a few minutes time, at the expiration of which the bill went back to the calendar under the rules.

Senator Teller has been quite a busy man since his arrival in Washington. One of the first men he had an extended conference with was Senator Jones, of Arkansas, and the subject of the conference was the future policy of the silver men in congress. Both senators declined to be interviewed on the subject, and no public announcement is expected until after the conference of silver leaders, shortly to be held, and it may not be deemed politic then to announce any formal program.

For Sale.

For the benefit of the unfortunates whose property must be sacrificed to pay the political debts of county officials, we dedicate this space. Hereafter you will find herein a short paragraph relating to each sale. We have been led to do this for the reason that many persons who see the notice of sale would gladly have been purchasers, had they known the property was for sale.

Saturday, Jan. 9th, at 1 p. m.—Nathanie l Davis vs. John Davis et al. Four tracts of land; first, thirty acres appraised at $213; second, fourteen acres appraised at $72; third, twenty-five acres appraised at $91; fourth, ten acres appraised at $41. Terms: One-third cash, one-third in one year, one-third in two years.

"I was run over by a lumber wagon. Did not expect to live. Was terribly bloated. My friends bathed me with Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, and I was cured. We have great faith in Thomas' Eclectric Oil."—Mrs. Wm. F. Babcock, Norvell, Mich.

BUCKEYE NEWS.

New and Interesting Happenings Within Our Borders.

COL. COIT

Makes Serious Charges Against Adjt. Gen. Axline in Connection With the Late State Encampment Expenses.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—Col. A. B. Coit, of the Fourteenth regiment, O. N. G., in an interview published here Wednesday makes very serious charges against Adjt. Gen. H. A. Axline, in connection with the expenses of the state encampment at Cleveland last summer. Col. Coit takes the items in order and declares that the prices paid are outrageously extravagant, and intimates that the money was not spent as the statement shows at all. As for his regiment, which is the largest in the state, it got none of the things. Col. Coit suggests that money was spent to pay the board of some of the officers at a hotel and for private livery bills. It is rumored that Col. Coit will file charges against Axline with Gov. Bushnell.

BOTH PARTIES

Made Gains in the Late Election—The Statistics Finished.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—The official election statistics were finished Wednesday and sent to the printer by Secretary of State Taylor. They show that every county in the state increased both its republican and democratic vote. The least gain was the republican gain of 20 in Vinton county. The same county increased its democratic vote by 503. The only counties in which the republican gains were greater than the democratic gains were Adams, Ashtabula, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Lawrence, Lorain, Mahoning, Montgomery, Pickaway and Trumbull. The total republican gains were 97,859; democratic gains, 138,943. The total state vote was 1,020,107.

Big Fire at Westerville.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—A big fire broke out at Westerville at 3 o'clock Wednesday morning. It was reported that a number of stores and residences had been burned. Telephonic and telegraphic communication is cut off. The fire destroyed the residences of Wm. Williams and Laura Budd and the restaurant of W. D. Bedou. The total loss is about $8,000. The Columbus fire department was called, but it did not respond, as it was known that there was no water.

Miners' Annual Convention.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—The call for the annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America was issued Wednesday by President P. H. Penna and Secretary W. C. Pearce. It will be held here on January 12. The call gives the names of candidates for the offices. There are three candidates for president, all from Ohio—D. M. Dratchford, Patrick McBryde and Alexander Johnson. For secretary-treasurer the present incumbent will have no opposition.

McKinley Goes to Chicago.

CANTON, O., Dec. 17.—In order to join his wife, and in a measure for rest, Maj. McKinley left Canton Wednesday evening to spend a week in Chicago. The Pennsylvania Co. put a private car at his disposal. He was accompanied by Charles G. Dawes, of Chicago, and Capt. H. O. Heistand, his acting confidential secretary.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co, Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by Fisher & Streich, Druggist.

For Kidney Trouble.

There is nothing better than Foley's Kidney Cure. Everyone who tries it will agree to this. Sold at Amanns' pharmacies.

Holiday Visitors.

As in former years, The Ohio Southern will give its patrons an opportunity to visit friends and relations during the holidays, by making the very low rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip between all stations on its own line and to points on connecting lines. Tickets on sale December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1896, and Jan. 1st, 1897. Limited good to return up to and including Jan. 4, 1897. Call on agents for further particulars, or address F. E. FISHER, G. P. A., Springfield, O.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mystic Cure" for rheumatism and neuraglia radically cures in one to three days. Its action upon tthe system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits; 75 cents. Sold by Whittaker & company, druggists, Portsmouth, O., corner Second and Court streets.

"Big Four Route."

The "Big Four Route," with its time-honored custom, will sell tickets from points on its lines at the low rate of one and one-bird fare for the round trip, on December 24, 25 and 31, 1896, and January 1, 1897, good returning until January 2, 1897.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call at Amanns' pharmacies and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

TIRED MOTHERS find help in Hood's Sarsaparilla, which gives them pure blood, a good appetite and new and needed **STRENGTH.**

Holiday Excursions via Buckeye Route.

The O. H. V. & T. railway, known everywhere in the state of Ohio as the Buckeye route, will, on December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1896, and January 1st, 1897, sell excursion tickets to points on its own line and to all points on connecting lines in the territory of the central passenger committee, at a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip, good returning until January 4th, 1897. This concession in rates and limits of tickets will give everybody an opportunity to visit their friends during the merry season, which comes but once a year. Make your preparations to make the old folks at home a visit, and purchase your tickets over the popular Buckeye route. It is the only line between Toledo and Columbus, having union depot terminals in both cities, thus avoiding omnibus transfers in going through Columbus or Toledo to points in Ohio and Michigan. For time of trains, tickets and full information, call on agents of the O. H. V. & T. railway, or write to W. H. Fisher, general passenger and ticket agent, Columbus, Ohio.

The Public Will Take Notice.

On and after December 1st, 1896, all trains of the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo railway will arrive and depart from the Union depot in Toledo, thus avoiding the objectionable transfer at Toledo in going to and from points in Michigan. All trains will continue to depart from and arrive in the Union depot at Columbus as in the past, making the Buckeye route not only the short line between Columbus and Toledo but the only line having union depot terminals in both cities. When purchasing tickets to points in Ohio, remember the fact that omnibus transfers are avoided if tickets read via the Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo railway. For information, write agents, or W. H. Fisher, general passenger ticket agent, Columbus, Ohio.

For Ladies Only.

Dr. Mott's Pennyroyal Pills are the only safe, sure and reliable female pill ever offered to ladies. Ask for Dr. Mott's Pennyroyal Pills, and take no other. Send for circular. Price $1.00 per box, 6 boxes for $5.00. Sold by Win Nye. Dr. Mott's Chemical Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Go Home.

For the holidays and make the old folks glad. That you may do so at little expense, the Ohio Southern will make a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip between all stations on its own line and to points on connecting lines. Tickets will be on sale December 24th, 25th and 31st, 1896, and Jan. 1st, 1897. Limited good to return not later than Jan. 4th, 1897. Call on Ohio Southern agents for full particulars as to rate and time of trains.

For Hoarseness.

Benj. Ingerson, of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice. It is used very largely by speakers and singers. Sold by Amanns' pharmacies.

"Big Four" Interchangeable Milage.

The interchangeable one-thousand mile tickets of the "Big Four Route" are indispensable to all business firms and commercial travelers. The lines of the "Big Four" penetrate all the big cities of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and a ticket which can be used to reach these cities, as well as cities on principal connecting lines, is invaluable.

"I contracted a severe cold from exposure. Coughed all winter. Could get no relief. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup broke up the cold, and drove away the cold. Never took anything that did me so much good."—I. H. Brooks, North Haverhill, N. H.

JUST TELL THEM THAT YOU SAW ME

Was the remark made by Old Santa Claus when he saw our fine display of Christmas Candies, Sugar Toys, Tree Trimmings, Etc., and said that he was going home as he could not compete with our fine assortment and advised everyone to do their own purchasing as his card below will testify. Here it is:

To Whom it May Concern:

I, poor old Santa Claus, do hereby state that after having seen the grand display of candies by the undersigned, will say not to depend upon me this year for I am going home, as the stock shown in the display mentioned above is surely great and was selected with great care.

Yours with respect,
SANTA CLAUS.

Prices low for good goods.

JOS. H. LANGE'S,
Fancy Grocer. Gay and Gallia.

Health and Vigor
Baths Give Both
Why go to sanitariums for bathing, when you can remain at home and get all the benefits of the best health resorts at . .
"THE KERNEL"

Overcoats, Winter Suits
Made to look like new by cleaning and dying them. NEW WORK to order and satisfaction guaranteed.
O. B. Griesman, 107 West Second.

Handkerchief Sale Tomorrow

6 Nice large hem-stitched handkerchiefs for 25c
3 Very fine extra quality for 25c
15c Lace handkerchiefs, very pretty, for 10c

KATE MILLER,
709 Chillicothe Street.

Christmas Novelties of all Kinds
EMBROIDERED TABLE COVERS,
EMBROIDERED DOILIES,
EMBROIDERED PICTURE FRAMES
Stamped Linens
SILVER NOVELTIES,
SILVER STICK PINS.
Mounted Rabbit's Foot
Caught in a dark grave yard on a dark night, by a dark, crosseyed man, who was the seventh son of the seventh son, born at 7 p. m. on the seventh day of the seventh month of 1777. Makes a unique watch charm.
Mrs. B. Inez Spry,
320 Chillicothe Street.

It is the Salvation....
Of all to know where to get a cure for their ills. It is a boon to humanity to be able to get
Indian Salve.
It positively cures the worst and most obstinate cases of
Blood Poisoning.
Do not wait until you are dying from the effects of that dread disease, but get a box now and be ready for an emergency. For sale at the
LEGLER HOUSE,
Portsmouth, Ohio.

Stamped Linen
In elegant designs and very artistic.
Embroidery Material
For the Holidays, besides a full line of the
Latest Creations In Millinery
It will pay you to drop in and examine our stock.
The Misses Eaves,
Chillicothe Street.

FOR SALE
REAL ESTATE.

2 two story bricks, 8 and 10 room houses, West Fourth street near Washington street.
1 new two story frame, 7 room house, Offnere street near Ninth street.
1 two story frame, 5 room house, East Eleventh street
1 two story frame, 4 room house, 60 foot lot, Board of Trade Addition.
2 vacant 50 foot lots on East Second street, near Adams' residence.
1 vacant lot on East Seventh street, near Campbell Avenue.
Other large and desirable property, centrally located, For terms see,
JOHN K. DUKE,
51 West Second St.

GEO. PFEIFFER,
Undertaker and Funeral Director.
Embalming,
Metalic Flowers
For Grave Decorations
711 Chillicothe St Phone 211.

For Sale.
Three four room cottages on Findlay street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets. The finest in the city, cement walks all around the house, cellars and outhouses convenient. Water works and gas if preferred.
Cheap For Cash.
Apply at 1316 Findlay street.

Do You Hear the Winter Storms Coming?
That means that you should lay in your coal.
Good Coal Makes Home Comfortable
If this is the kind of coal you want, you can get it and get it at bottom figures at
J. F. FLANNIGAN'S.

Blake's Daily Market
For First Class
Beef, Mutton, Veal, Lamb, Dressed Chickens, Hams, Bacon, Butter, Eggs, Lard, Bologna, Etc.
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DENTISTS,
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Dentist.
Room 5, Damarin Building, corner Second and Court Streets. All work guaranteed first class. Extraction painless.

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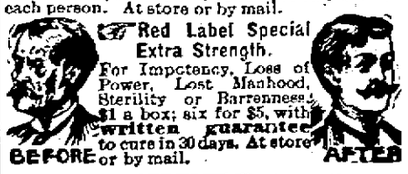
Well done and at reasonable prices, is what you want now in plastering.
Richard James, 208 East 9th,
Is the man you want to see.

BLOOD POISON A SPECIALTY Primary, Secondary or Tertiary BLOOD POISON permanently cured in 15 to 35 days. You can be treated at home for same price under same guaranty. If you prefer to come here we will contract to pay railroad fare and hotel bills, and no charge, if we fail to cure. If you have taken mercury, Iodide potash, and still have aches and pains, Mucous Patches in mouth, Sore Throat, Pimples, Copper Colored Spots, Ulcers on any part of the body, Hair or Eyebrows falling out, it is this Secondary BLOOD POISON we guarantee to cure. We solicit the most obstinate cases and challenge the world for a case we cannot cure. This disease has always baffled the skill of the most eminent physicians. $500,000 capital behind our unconditional guaranty. Absolute proofs sent sealed on application. Address COOK REMEDY CO., 307 Masonic Temple, CHICAGO, ILL.

Nervous Debility.

DR. E. C. WEST'S
NERVE AND BRAIN TREATMENT
THE ORIGINAL, ALL OTHERS IMITATIONS,
Is sold under positive Written Guarantee by authorized agents only, to cure Weak Memory, Dizziness, Wakefulness, Fits, Hysteria, Quickness, Night Losses, Evil Dreams, Lack of Confidence, Nervousness, Lassitude, all Drains, Youthful Errors, or Excessive Use of Tobacco, Opium, or Liquor, which leads to Misery, Consumption, Insanity and Death. At store or by mail, $1 a box; six for $5; with written guarantee to cure or refund money. Sample package, containing five days' treatment, with full instructions, 25 cents. One sample only sold to each person. At store or by mail.


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For Impotency, Loss of Power, Lost Manhood, Sterility or Barrenness, $1 a box; six for $5, with written guarantee to cure in 30 days. At store or by mail.
FISHER & STREICH, Portsmouth,

Xmas at Heer Bros.

Extraordinary efforts have been made by us to put before our customers the best things to be had in the country for the money. The result is that we show a grand line of useful Christmas Presents that must be seen to be appreciated.

BEAR IN MIND

Christmas Neckwear.

Just received for our Christmas trade all the latest styles in Puffs, Tecks, Four-in-Hand, Bows, etc. All grades, 25c, 50c,75c and $1.00. Children's Windsors 25c.

Silk Mufflers.

New and beautiful designs in Silk Mufflers, all the best things, 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50.

Christmas Handkerchiefs.

Silk Initial 25c, 50c and 75c. Silk, plain white and fancy, 25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00. Japanette Initial 15c, 2 to 25. Linen, plain, good size, 25c and 50c. Plain and fancy, 5c, 10c and 15c.

Suspenders.

Special Christmas stock of Satin Embroidered, all shades, 25c, 50c, $1.00 and $1.50. Silk Suspenders $1.50. Extra values 15c, 20c and 25c.

Shirts.

White Laundered 50c, 75c, $1.00. Fancy Laundered 50c, 75c, $1 00 White Unlaundered 38c and 50c. Fancy Unlaundered 50c and 75c. Blue Flannel 50c, 75c, $1.00 and $1.50. Working Shirts 25c, 35c and 50c.

Sweaters.

Bovs', all colors, 50c, 75c, $1.00. Men's, all colors, 50c, $1 00 and $1.50.

OPEN EVERY EVENING.

That in addition to our Christmas Present of

$200 IN GOLD

we will give you a reduction of

10 Per Cent

From our low prices marked in plain figures, until New Year's Day on all our

Men's, Boys' and Children's Overcoats.
Men's, Boys' and Children's Suits.
Men's, Boys' and Children's Pants.
Men's and Boys' Mackintoshes.
Men's Overalls and Jackets.

$200 IN GOLD.

Guess how many pins there are.

To the First and Nearest Guesser we will give $100.00
To the Second and Nearest Guesser we will give 50.00
To the Third and Nearest Guesser we will give 25.00
To the Fourth and Nearest Guesser we will give 15.00
To the Fifth and Nearest Guesser we will give 10.00

A Plain Statement!

We want your Christmas trade and will give you more for your money than any house in town.

HEER BROS.

Christmas Gloves

The very best in the market. Kids, unlined, 50c, 75c, $1 00, $1 50, $2.00. Kids, lined, 50c,75c,$1.00,$1.50. Kids (boys) lined, 50c, 75c. Men's Jersey Gloves 25c, 35c, 50c. Men's Working Gloves 50c to $1.00. Boys' Working Gloves 25c to 50c.

Umbrellas

A new lot just received in latest style handles, especially for Christmas. All grades from cheapest to finest.

Underwear

The very best values in the city, regular and suit shape. Cheap grades 18c, 25c, 50 Finer grades $1.00, $1.25, $1.50. Union Suits $2.00 and $2 50.

Hats and Caps

Special reduction in price for the holidays. All Stiff and Soft Hats—$3 00 grade now $2 48, $2 50 grade now $1.98, $2 00 grade now $1.48, $1 50 grade now 98c Boys' Caps 18, 25, 35, 50 cents. Men's Caps 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and $1 00.

Tam O'Shanters

Reduced in price until Christmas. All $1.00 and 75c grades go at 48c. 50c grades go at 25c. 25c grades go at 18c.

OPEN EVERY EVENING.

DON'T WANT HIM

Sheriff Rickey Would Like to Get Rid of Swain.

The Arctic Explorer a White Elephant—Afraid He Will Die in Jail—A Man Who Sold Liquor to a Fifteen Year Old Boy—The Court Budget.

Walter Swain, the Arctic explorer, confined at the county jail, is proving a very undesirable prisoner. He is a white elephant on the hands of the authorities, who would like to get rid of their charge. He is a physical wreck as a result of his morphine habit, and the sheriff fears that he will die unless released. He is given a liberal allowance of morphine each day, but begs for more. The jail physician and attendants consider his case serious, and an effort will be made to have him discharged.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

December 26—Grant Metcalf vs. Oliver Berkley et al., lot 53, Portsmouth; appraised at $375.

December 30—Marshal & Wendell Piano company vs. Jerome Blekeman, 804 acres; appraised at $1,206.

January 25.—East End Building and Loan association vs. Elizabeth J. Hamm et al., lot 54, Clay township; appraised at $991.50.

January 6—David Armstrong, receiver, vs. Russell, Vincent & Williams, lots 33 and 34, Fifth ward, Portsmouth; appraised at $10,350.

SELLING TO A MINOR.

A transcript filed in common pleas court recognizes Thos. Rankin from the court of 'Squire J. J. Forsythe on the charge of selling liquor to a minor, Elza S. Jenkins, age 15 years. He was placed under $150 bond.

PROBATE RECORD.

Huston and Shelby, executors, vs. Washington et al; sale of real estate confirmed and deed ordered.

PROBATE RECORD.

Estate of G. W. Anderson, final account filed.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

T. J. Burke to Barney Lanthorn, lot, $275.

Wm. S. Bricker to H. N. Shonkwiler, 3 acres, $140.

W. W. Donaldson to Elizabeth Lowery, lot, $1,770.

August J. Frowine to G. W. Means, lot, $15.

Barney Lanthron to August Frowine, lot, $25.

Wm. Lyons to F. M. Dever, 40 acres, $120.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John W. Morrison, age 19, Wheelersburg; Easter Belle Hughes, age 16, Wheelersburg, with consent of the parents of both parties.

Frank A. Eck, age 30, Portsmouth; Ellie M. Reinhart, age 23, Portsmouth.

After Some Miners.

C. J. St. Clair, agent for the Thacker Coal and Coke company, was in the city over night, on his way home from Wellston. There is a scarcity of miners up in the Thacker district and Mr. St. Clair was up to Wellston to secure a lot of Jackson county miners, they being out of work now. He succeeded in getting a large number, and they will go to Thacker this week.

Warm, lined shoes and slippers, to fit any foot at Lehman's.

A Busy Day.

Yesterday was the busiest day on the N. & W. railroad for many years. Sixteen through freight trains passed over this division, besides the regular passenger trains and a number of local trains. The grain traffic from the West is very heavy now, and the surplus cars that can be secured are being hustled West for the wheat and corn.

See the beautiful dolls at Connolley's store.

A Unique Feature.

At our store for a few days, commencing Thursday, Dec 17th. All patrons and callers at our store will be served with a sample dish of the most popular food of the East—shredded whole wheat biscuit—pure, nutritious, economical, and prepared in a moment's time. Dont fail to visit this exhibit. It will interest you.

GEO. W. ANDERSON & SONS, Damarin Block.

The fifty-cent velvet slippers at Lehman's make a suitable Christmas present.

Barden's Upward Progress.

A Barden man in the city today says that every man in that village is at work, the stone quarries and mills being all in full operation. He says that for the past three months more freight has been shipped from Barden over the O. P. & V. than from Portsmouth.

We have a full line of plain and fancy candies, both in bulk and packages. C. A. SPRECHER. 16-3t

Christmas Music.

The music at the First Presbyterian church next Sunday evening promises to be very good. In addition to the choruses from "The Messiah," they will have the assistance of Mrs. Ernest Shober and Miss Kate Zottman, who will sing solos, and also the First Church Quartette—Messrs. Marting, Hibbs, Black and Schwartz.

Xmas holly at Reilly's. 16-3t

A PRACTICAL JOKER?

A Reported Marriage Officially Denied as a Falsehood.

The Blade announced last evening that Miss Mary Linck, daughter of Martin Linck, and Mr. Fred Geiler would be married Thursday evening. Mr. Linck denies the report as false in every particular. The Blade was evidently imposed upon by some one who considered it a great joke, or gave out the report with malicious intent. Such practical jokers should receive at the hands of the press the treatment they deserve. In the rush and hurry incident to the publication of a daily paper, it is impossible to investigate every item thoroughly, and the paper must of necessity depend upon the honor of those who report such matters. Such false reports are embarrassing, and in some cases may prove more serious.

E. L. Gates & Co., 110 West Second street, offer big bargains in the best musical instruments made. They will cut their regular prices one-half in order to reduce their large stock. 14-4t

You should see the elegant silver-plated ware at J. O. Hibbs & Co's. It cannot be beat, and the price—well, call and see about it.

Go to Sprecher's for your Christmas fruit cake. 16-3t

TO THE BITTER END

Jackson County Coal Operators Will Resist the Demands of Their Miners for More Money.

The Jackson county coal operators held a meeting Tuesday in Jackson and decided to discharge all store keepers, mine bosses and other employes whose services were not absolutely required. The directors of the Wellston-Jackson Fuel company also suspended from service all traveling salesmen and most of the book-keepers.

This action of the operators means a suspension of a large pay-roll in Jackson county. The operators have their blood up and will fight the miners to the bitter end.

Hit With a Brick.

Every customer at Connolley's shoe store will be presented with a brick—that is, a brick box of fine candy.

Is Doing Well.

Lou Schuler, who has been in Cincinnati for some time is now head barkeeper at the Parlor Car saloon in that city and is doing well.

Books, two for 25 cents; dolls, from five cents to $2.50, worth twice the money. All kinds of toys, cheap, at Schloss & Co's. 17-3t

Christmas cards, booklets and calendars, in fine designs, at Schloss & Co's.

Tremper Make of Shoes

At the Sample Shoe Co. Ladies who are accustomed to wear high priced shoes will find just what they want in the line of the Tremper Shoe. The only difference perhaps will be the price. We will sell them at Clearance Sale prices as long as our clearance sale is going on. Look over the prices and keep yourself posted.

Our $3 98 Men's Shoes, that sell in other stores for $5.00, now $3 24
Our 3.49 Men's Shoes, that sell in other stores for 4.50, now 2 99
Our 3.24 Men's Shoes, which can never be bought elsewhere for less than $4.25, now 2 74
Our 2.99 Men's Shoes, which are as good as any $4.00 shoe in the country 2 49
Our 2 74 Men's Shoes, the kind you pay $3.50 for elsewhere, now 2 24
Our 2.49 Men's Shoes, that are worth $3.25, now 1 99
Our 2.24 Men's Shoes, considered a bargain in other stores at $3.00, now 1 79
Our 1.99 Men's Shoes, which have no equal for $2.75 in other stores, now 1 59
Our 1.79 Men's Shoes, that other merchants can't buy for less than $2 50, now 1 49
Our 1.49 Men's Shoes, that are sold in other stores at all times for $2.25, now 1 30
Our 3.50 Invisible Cork Sole Shoes, which are worth $5.00, now 2 49
Our 2 99 Cork Sole Shoes, that are worth $4 00, now 1 99
Our 2.49 Cork Sole Shoes, that are worth $3.50, now 1 79
200 pairs of Men's Shoes in ten different styles, worth $3.00 pair, now 1 49
150 pairs of Men's Working Shoes in Congress, Lace and Buckle, worth $2 00, now 99
Our $3.99 Ladies' Shoes that are selling in other stores for $5.00, now $2 99
Our 3.49 Ladies' Shoes that are always called bargains in other stores at $4.50, now 2 49
Our 3.24 Ladies' Shoes that are not to be seen elsewhere for less than $4.00, now 2 24
Our 2.99 Ladies' Shoes that are as good as the $3.50 shoes elsewhere, now 1 99
Our 2.49 Ladies' Shoes which are as stylish as those you pay $3.25 for, now 1 69
Our 2 24 Ladies' Shoes now 1 79
Our 1.99 Ladies' Shoes now 1 69
Our 1.89 Ladies' Shoes now 1 59
Our 1.79 Ladies' Shoes now 1 49
250 pairs of Ladies' Shoes, the cheapest in the lot is worth $2.50, now 1 49
Ladies' Shoes made by the Tremper Shoe Co., worth $3.00, now 1 99
Ladies' Congress with buttons, made by the Tremper Shoe Co., worth $3.00, now 1 99
Ladies' Hand Turn Shoe, made by the Tremper Shoe Co., worth $3 50, now 1 99
Ladies' Shoes in heavy Pebble Goat, patent leather tip, custom made, worth $2 25, now 1 49
Ladies' Shoes in kangaroo calf, with or without patent leather tip, now 1 39
Ladies' warm lined Shoes, cloth tops, worth $1.75, now 1 24
Ladies' Felt Slippers, worth 75c, now 49
Ladies' Dongola Kid Slippers, warm lined, worth $1.50, now 99
Ladies' Heavy Calf Oil Grain Shoes in button and lace, worth $1.50, now 99

THE SAMPLE SHOE CO.

Manufacturers of Men's Goodyear Welt Shoes.

Hints for Christmas

Jackets

Elegant styles and splendid values at $5.00, $7.00,$8.00 and $10.00.

Capes

98c, $1.98, $2.50, $3.00, $3.50, $5.00 and up.
Plush Capes of good material and right style, at $5.00, $7.50, $10.00 and $15.00.

Black Silks

The queen of dress fabrics. Nothing so dressy, nothing so handsome.
Black Satin Duchess at 75c, 98c, $1.25 and $1.50.
Black Peau du Soi at 75c, $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50 yd.
Satin Rhadama $1.25 yard.
Gro Grain Silk $1.00 and $1.25 yard.

Blankets

Soft, fleecy wool Blankets made by St. Mary's Woolen Mills, at $5.00, $6.00,$7.00. Other makes in Cotton at 50c, 59c, 75c, 98c and $1.25. All wool Blankets in white grey and scarlet at $2.25 pair.

Dress Goods

Plaids for Waists in handsome styles at 15c, 25c, 29c 50c, 75c and 95c.
Novelty Dress Goods 19c, 25c, 29c, 39c, 50c and 75c.
Exclusive Dress Patterns at $5.00, $7.50 and $10.00, reduced from $7.50, $10.00 and $12.50.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

Ladies' Night Dresses, White Skirts, Corset Covers in beautiful qualities at low prices.

TRIMMED HATS

In Millinery Department at half price. Wool Tam O'Shanters worth 50c for 25c.

300 pairs Ladies' Fine Black Jersey Gloves, worth 35c for 19c.

G. W. ANDERSON & SONS,

DAYLIGHT STORE, DAMARIN BLOCK.

Corner Court and Second.